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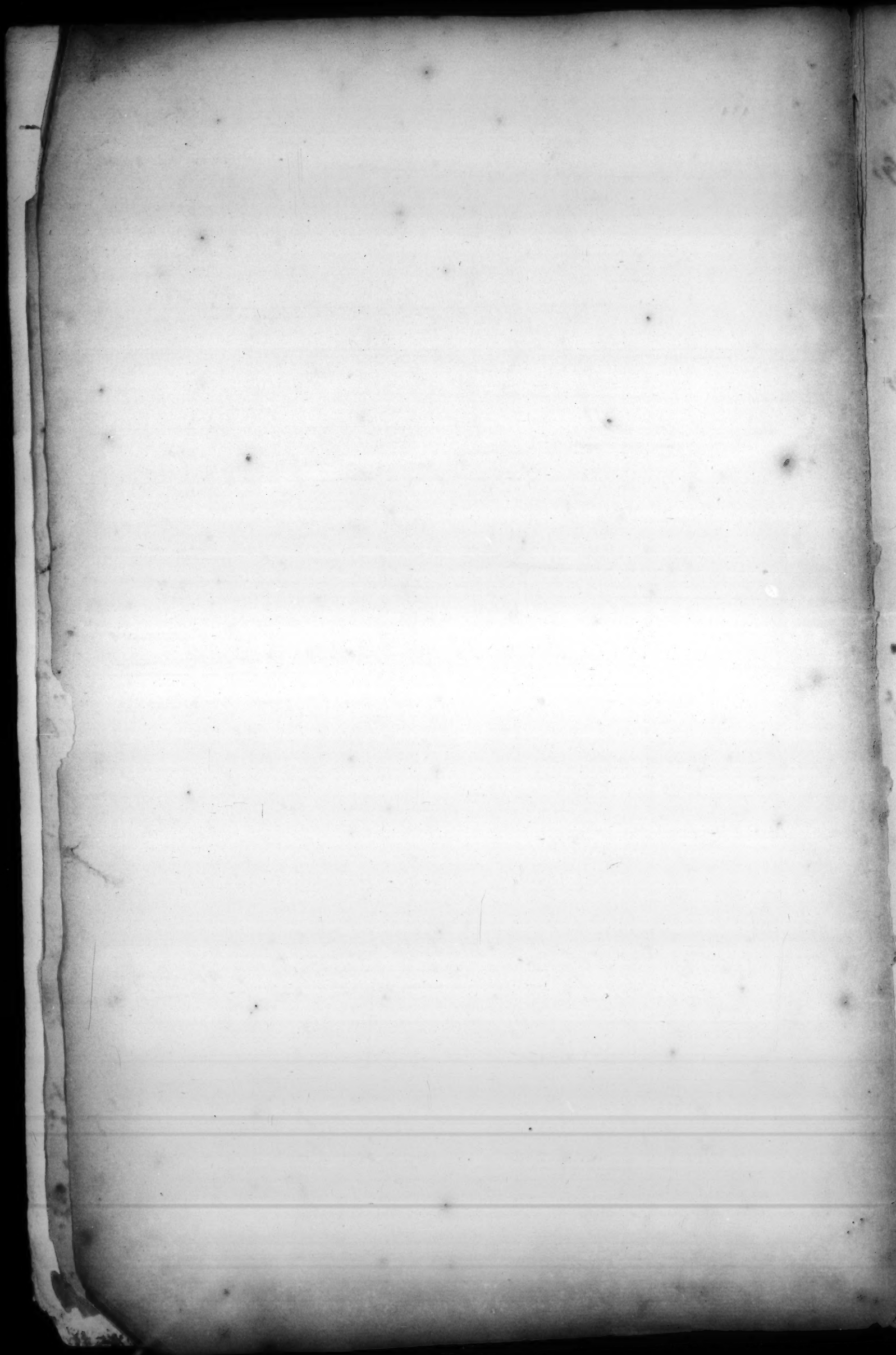
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To J<sup>r</sup>. John Poye Bart.

Wid: Temple  
21. May. 1726.

Hon<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

I hope you received my Letter of  
this day <sup>in answer to y<sup>r</sup>. favour of 19<sup>th</sup> April</sup> <sup>in answer to y<sup>r</sup>. favour of 19<sup>th</sup> April</sup> since which I have the honor  
of yours of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Inst. by W<sup>m</sup>. Mostyn with a Ben-  
efaction of Ten Guineas to the ~~designs~~ of the Society  
who being acquainted therewith have order'd me  
to desire your acceptance of this thanks for so  
~~valuable~~ <sup>signal</sup> an Instance of your <sup>good will</sup> ~~zeal~~ for  
promoting their <sup>Designs</sup>. I have paid y<sup>r</sup>. Ben-  
efaction to J<sup>r</sup>. Mayo but don't send the Rec<sup>t</sup>.  
for it. ~~to save~~ because it acknowledges the  
Rec<sup>t</sup>. of 2. other Benefactions <sup>to him</sup> ~~at y<sup>e</sup> same~~  
time, ~~however if you desire to have a~~ <sup>separate</sup> ~~separate~~  
~~Receipt~~ <sup>that</sup> I'll take care to procure one.

The Society are pleas'd to find their designs so  
much esteem'd <sup>well approved</sup> by you, and hope the success  
of them will every <sup>day</sup> more recommend them to  
the opinion of those who have the Honour of  
God and your Religion at heart.  
I am glad to find <sup>the Carr.</sup> the packet ~~sent to you~~ has got safe to y<sup>r</sup>.  
hands, of which as my <sup>former mentioned</sup> ~~former~~ <sup>signature</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>informed</sup> you  
the Society desire y<sup>r</sup>. acceptance.

It will be a great pleasure to me to receive  
& obey any commands from you, being with great  
respect,

J<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most obed<sup>t</sup>. humb. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

H. N.



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To Mr. Northwick  
in angel Court  
Throgmorton Str.

Mid. Temple.  
23. May. 1726.

S<sup>r</sup>. When I sent to the Society,  
Bookseller for a Doz. of the Religion of St.  
Paul to be sent to you. We sent me word  
they were out of print & so many not to  
be had. I then desired him to get what  
he could if it were but a couple of Copies  
for y<sup>r</sup>. self & Mr. Milten if I spell his  
name right. Accordingly he has just  
now sent me the Copies he with sent  
w<sup>ch</sup> you will be pleas'd to accept in lieu  
of the number intended. My humble  
Service to Mr. Milten & please to believe  
that I am S<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

H. N.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Soley  
at Chelsea Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Mid. Temple  
27. May. 1726.

I am afraid your indisposition has  
continued. Because we have not been so happy  
as to see you at St. Dunstan's.

The Society have <sup>this week</sup> sent the <sup>Anab.</sup> N. Test. to the  
Press and Mr. Bedford is so good as to ~~undertake~~ be one  
of the Correctors as formerly, ~~and~~ Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Gagnier  
at Oxford is engag'd to supply the Cop<sup>y</sup> of Mr. Bryan.  
and Mr. Negis & Mr. Dadielin are to join their Talents  
for making the Edit. as correct as possible.

When the 1<sup>st</sup> Sheet is compos'd an Estimate will be  
made how far the Fund in proportion & how'd far we  
reach to. But the Society have at least to print 600.  
Cop<sup>ies</sup> <sup>in y<sup>r</sup>. young with 2. Collym<sup>us</sup>.</sup> ~~impracticable~~ to the N<sup>o</sup>. printed of the Psalter.

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[Several of my Lords the Bps] <sup>15</sup> upon the ~~beating~~ <sup>disruption</sup> of the Parliamt. have been so kind to encourage this undertaking with their Benedictions, and others have ~~promised~~ to do it at their return to the next Session. & I doubt not but My Ld. Bp of Winchester would have been as ready as any of the rest to con-  
-cur in promoting the ~~impediment~~ <sup>it</sup>, if His Ld. had been in the way of an application.

Give me leave therefore to request yr. advice how application may be made to His Ld.; shall I wait on him in person? or, will you be so good as to re-  
-comm<sup>d</sup> the ~~matter~~ <sup>Benediction</sup> affair to him? ~~And if you~~ <sup>for his Ld. personal</sup> will ~~send~~ <sup>shall</sup> I send the Subscription book to you & how may it be convey'd with safety? ~~again?~~ <sup>upon all which I should be glad of yr. advice</sup>  
I could easily send you an ~~abstract~~ <sup>extract</sup> of what has been contributed by the Bps, but that I ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> would look too much like dictating to His Ld. unless His Ld. should require it.

I have not heard lately <sup>of a letter</sup> from Mr. Sherman since I saw you the 19<sup>th</sup> of last month, by which he ac-  
-knowledges that tho' the Copies were entirely without orthographical marks they would ~~not~~ <sup>be</sup> useful, how-  
-ever as the Society have been at y<sup>e</sup> expense of making them & Mr. Bedford insists upon their being necessary, they will be inserted ~~all~~ <sup>throughout</sup> the N. Test.  
He ~~says~~ <sup>that</sup> the New Patriarch ~~was returned~~ <sup>had been</sup> his ~~with great zeal & prudence~~ <sup>with great zeal & prudence</sup>, and ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Platters sent over were presented to him as a token of the respect of the British Nation to his flock he return'd a thous. Benedictions, and ~~that~~ <sup>to the Benefactor</sup> he would distribute them with his own hands in the Visitation he was about to make. I shall be glad to know what ~~Mr. Sherman~~ <sup>Mr. Sherman</sup> wrote to you on this subject, & to hear of yr. health being Rev. D.D. W. not doubting



To Mrs Jones  
at Bristol

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Middle Temple  
28 May 1726.

Mrs Jones,

I received your Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Curr. and wish it had been  
in my Power to have served your Husband sooner by recommending him  
to some Employ as a Charity Schoolmaster but no application has been  
made to the Society or not for such a Master, till just now I received the  
Letter herewith, <sup>from a friend of mine</sup> but if your Husband likes the offer, he must make  
the best of his way to Oxford to embrace it; if he don't like it,  
pray let him know of it, that some Body else may be recommended.  
My service to your Husband, and believe me

Madam, your very humble  
Servant

H. N.

To the L<sup>d</sup> Bp of London

My Lord

Middle Temple

28. May. 1726.

<sup>note the Letter</sup> <sup>W. Emperson is the same Person that</sup>  
<sup>sent the Letter</sup> <sup>sent the Letter</sup> <sup>sent the Letter</sup>  
<sup>sent the Letter</sup> <sup>sent the Letter</sup> <sup>sent the Letter</sup>  
He is a Dissenting Min<sup>r</sup> <sup>one of one of the Principal</sup>  
<sup>Churches</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire. And seems to  
be the person described in his Letter, herewith sent.  
Those that lay aside the prejudices of their Education must  
be indulg'd in the caution <sup>be indulg'd</sup> especially when his  
jealous neighbours are some of them so watchfull over his conduct  
as to oppose him if they find him inclin'd to desert their  
~~present~~ Establishment to embrace that of the Ch<sup>h</sup> of Eng<sup>l</sup>  
There is no Ch<sup>h</sup> of Eng<sup>l</sup> yet in that Province, and  
one good Example well supported by y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s Counte-  
-nance and that of the Society for Prop. the Gospel w<sup>d</sup>  
in all likelihood gain a <sup>flourishing</sup> settlement.

I have communicated this Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup> Shute who  
knows W. Emperson, and is ~~prepared~~ he will inform y<sup>r</sup>  
L<sup>d</sup> of the his & his people's disposition. I shall be  
glad to receive any commands from y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup> in an-  
-swer to it, to be forwarded by a ship going in a  
short time, being with the greatest respect

My Lord

y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>d</sup>s

most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant



To D. Manzey at Saling

Miss Temple

4. June. 1726.

Rev. J.

Rev. S. The Society at their meeting last Thursday appointed a Committee to wait on you with their Thanks for y<sup>r</sup>. excellent Sermon at St. Sepulchres, <sup>& to request a Copy of it to be printed</sup> and <sup>and</sup> <sup>to send</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>little</sup> <sup>letter</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>sent</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>London</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>know</sup> <sup>when</sup> <sup>&</sup> <sup>where</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>would</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>waited</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>purpose</sup> but answer being made that you was gone out of Town, I was order'd <sup>in the name of the Society</sup> to make the same compliment as I now do. I this day got on horse Back to wait on you at Ealing with their <sup>thanks and request</sup> ~~thanks and request~~ <sup>of their</sup> ~~ministry~~ but in Long acre had the misfortune to be thrown off into the Canal & made so dirty that I was oblig'd without any other harm (thank God for it) to <sup>return</sup> ~~go~~ home & shift my self from head to foot.

I am sorry to tell you that it was J. May's  
 & my misfortune to be oblig'd both of us to attend  
 St.<sup>r</sup> Rob.<sup>t</sup> Walpole at the Treasury for the King's  
 Bounty of 500. l. to the Arab. Impression, at  
 same time we <sup>intended</sup> ~~had~~ been to have had  
 the pleasure of <sup>waiting on</sup> ~~seeing~~ you at St.<sup>r</sup> Levee  
 but it was  $\frac{1}{4}$  an hour after 3. before we could  
 get away. with so favourable an answer as to  
 be ~~aforded that a warrant was orderd~~ would  
 be ready for us next week.

I shall be glad to receive y<sup>r</sup>. answer to this  
with y<sup>r</sup>. fit convenience & doubt not but it  
will be such as will be agreeable to the Society  
as well as  
Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most obed<sup>t</sup>. humble  
Serv<sup>t</sup>. H. N.

My humble service  
to y<sup>r</sup>. Lady.

Sen. H. N.

To the Rev. D.<sup>r</sup> Geo. Prebster D. D.  
and Superintendant of the Coll. of  
Frankfort on the Main. Germany

Wid. Temple  
London.  
6. June. 1726

Rev. S.<sup>r</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> your very acceptable  
favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1724. long since, and am  
not worthy to succeed the <sup>late</sup> Excell<sup>t</sup> W. Boelun  
in the Correspondence you had with him, but  
if I can <sup>be</sup> any ways <sup>to you</sup> serviceable ~~for~~ according to my  
capacity you are heartily welcome to come and see me.

In answer to y<sup>r</sup> enquiries concerning the Subjects &  
Preachers of the Sermons at W. Bayle's Lecture since  
1702. ~~I have~~ They were as follow.

1711. 1712. W. Derham Physics Theology or a Demonstration of  
the Being & Attributes of God from his works of  
Creation.

1713. 1714. D.<sup>r</sup> Ibbot. Agt. the Treathimpers.  
His Text 1. Thes. 5. 27. Prove all things, hold fast  
that which is good. Fitted for the press before he  
died & will soon be printed.

1715. 1716. W.<sup>r</sup> Stonestreet  
About Fossils & Subterraneous Discoveries  
Not printed, he dying before his Dis-  
=courses were finished.

1717. 1718. D.<sup>r</sup> Leng, now Bp of Norwich. His Sermon printed  
<sup>under the title of</sup>  
Natural Obligations to believe the Principles  
of Religion, and Divine Revelation.

1719. 1720. D.<sup>r</sup> John Clarke  
Vol. 1. An Enquiry into the cause & origine of Evil, in  
w<sup>h</sup> the principal Phenomena of Nature are ex-  
=plained according to the true Principles of  
Philosophy, and in answer to W. Bayle.  
Vol. 2. An Enquiry into the Cause & origine of Moral  
Evil. In w<sup>h</sup> the present State and Condition of  
Mankind is consider'd & explain'd upon the  
true Principles of Morality and Revelation.  
And in Answer to W. Bayle.



1721. 1722. M<sup>r</sup>. Gurdou.

The pretended Difficulties in Natural or  
Revealed Religion no Excuse to Infidelity.  
Printed by Knaplock.

1723. D<sup>r</sup>. Bursough now Bp of Limerick in Ire<sup>l</sup>  
not yet printed.

1724. 1725. D<sup>r</sup>. Burnet of Westhington Gloucester sh.  
not yet printed.

1726. ~~W<sup>r</sup>~~ M<sup>r</sup>. John Deane Rect<sup>r</sup>. of Shoreditch & Chaplain to  
the Bp of Rochester, is now preaching these  
Lectures.

I wish this acct. w<sup>h</sup> I had from several  
Booksellers may atone for the delay of it.

And as to the Sermons preach'd at the anniversary  
meetings of the Club<sup>s</sup> of the Ch. Schools, all that  
are not out of Print are herewith sent to you  
of w<sup>h</sup> I am to desire as a present from the  
Society for Promoting <sup>Christian</sup> Knowledge, of w<sup>h</sup> they  
desire your acceptance, and I am glad at the same  
time in the name of that Society to acquit you that  
they desire you would be pleas'd to accept of being  
a Corresponding Member of their Body in return to  
the compliment you was pleas'd by <sup>your</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>esteem</sup> ~~hands~~ to  
make to them. ~~Of the nature of their designs~~  
No doubt you have been <sup>of the nature of their designs</sup>  
~~you will be fully inform'd~~ by the late ~~account~~  
M<sup>r</sup>. Boehm who was many years a most worthy  
member but not to depend on that you will be  
fully <sup>acquainted</sup> ~~informed~~ of their designs by a little Book in  
packet herewith <sup>sent</sup> ~~sent~~ A letter from a friend. Member <sup>of the Society</sup> at London for  
Promoting <sup>Christian</sup> Knowledge to a Corresponding Member  
in the Country concerning ~~that~~ giving an acct. of that  
Society & several other religious & charitable Societies  
in London. To this packet there are added several



other books ~~as~~ <sup>8 found</sup> which were in the Society's  
Store wh. you are desired to accept as a specimen  
of ~~what~~ such books as the Society <sup>occasionally</sup> disperse  
among their Members in this Kingdom.  
I humbly ask y<sup>r</sup>. pray<sup>r</sup> for the blessing of God on all their undertakings  
& remain with great respect  
Rev. S<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most obed. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Henry Newman.

P. S. 31. Aug. 1727.

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>.

The Let<sup>r</sup> above was wrote at the time of the date  
of it, when D<sup>r</sup>. Perdes <sup>Henry Walker</sup> was so good as to undertake to convey it, but  
the prospect of some addition to y<sup>r</sup>. Packet, and forgetfulness how to forward  
it to the D<sup>r</sup>. has occasioned the delay of it, ~~but~~ there is since my Letter  
above a printed Account of the Sermons at Mr. Boyle's Lectures, which D<sup>r</sup>. Perdes  
intends to send you a Copy of, and will I hope supply <sup>all</sup> defects in this  
from  
Rev. S<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>. H.N.

Your direction to me at the Middle Temple  
London will come safe.

W<sup>m</sup>. Ellshod Davy  
at Exeter. y<sup>r</sup>.  
Wm. Ellshod Davy  
at Exeter. y<sup>r</sup>.

Midd. Temple  
9. June. 1726

I rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. Let<sup>r</sup> of the 16. May.  
According to the advice of wh. the Society  
order'd a present to be made to you in the  
books you desired to the value of half  
the Damage wh. you had estimated at 10  
viz. 5. l. but the Booksell<sup>r</sup>. it seems had  
made a mistake as you'll see on the other  
side & sent 1. 16. 7 above that value.  
The other packet comes to 15. - 7 in clud<sup>g</sup>  
ing the charges both there were sent by Geo.  
Warman Mast<sup>r</sup> of the 3. Bro<sup>r</sup>. accompany'd with  
2. parcels

2. parcels one for the Rev. W. King of Epsom  
and the other for D. Creed at Buckland House  
= soon recommended to y<sup>r</sup>. care.

I hope these will escape the danger of seas  
and ~~arrive~~ safe to y<sup>r</sup>. hands from  
Y<sup>r</sup>. G<sup>d</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

To the Reverend  
Mr. King at Epsom.

Middle Temple  
4<sup>th</sup> June 1726.

Reverend Sir,

I am ashamed to have been so long in your Debt for your  
Letters of 28<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. In answer to the first of which I received  
the D<sup>d</sup>. Interest of the Government of L<sup>d</sup>.s Bounty due at Lady day last  
and have apply'd it as you ~~directed~~ Order'd, only the Balance in my hands after  
paying for the Books you desired (with you're chosen would have taken up the  
whole Balance) will be 4<sup>l</sup>. 7<sup>s</sup>. 1/2, because you did not consider you having the  
Books at half price, but you may command these or any other Books to be sent  
hereafter.

I meet with few Gent<sup>l</sup> that can give me any Account of Mr. Moxley's Works,  
but the Enquiry you made induced me to desire to see them at a Bookstore, and  
as the Subjects are curious I should have been tempted to buy them if they had not been  
too Dear for my Pocket. Mr. Whiston I hear is so offended at what is asserted  
therein against the Thundering Legion, that he is writing a pamphlet in Defense  
of it, and doubts not of proving from unquestionable Authorities of Antiquity  
that there was such a Legion.

I have <sup>not</sup> the Honour to know Mr. Ergoant, nor can I learn any thing of  
his Character.

In answer to your 2<sup>d</sup>. Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup>. May, I made the Enquiry you desired of  
one of the Assistants of the Corporation of Orphans Sons, and he told me that as  
their Fund was bestowed upon Widows, except about 30. or 40. £ per annum which  
happens to be left to them appropriated to the putting out of Children, and the  
sum being so small they have agreed to complement the Treasurers for the  
Fund being with the Application of it, who have generally many more Candidates  
for it, than the Fund will put out; but if you or the G<sup>d</sup>. that makes the  
Enquiry <sup>will</sup> have them spoke to, they will expect to know more of the Case of the  
Object you recommended than you have furnished me with.

Yours







I cannot leave my Business to look after her Affairs, and to humour her Creditors: and if they put her into Gaol or use her so as to endanger her Health, they shan't have one farthing from me.

They know where I liv'd, or might have known by her without giving themselves and her the Trouble they have done, so that they may thank themselves for the extraordinary Charge they have occasion'd; and I advise them to have a Care how they do any Thing to oppress a poor Woman in Violation of the late Act of Parliament against vexatious Suits. I am

Yr, Your humble serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. V.

I thank you for the good Office you have for her or may do for her further.

To His Grace the L<sup>d</sup>  
Archbp. of Cantbury  
at Gresham House

Midd Temple  
2. July. 1726.

My Lord,

I just now received the Copy of the Minute herewith sent, from Mr. Moore relating to Mrs. Fish. The Society will always have a great Regard to your Grace's Recommendation, and they were concern'd they could not in this Instance comply with it, without directly thwarting a very important Rule in their Commission, and opening a Door to all the Distress'd Protestants in Prussia, Poland and Switzerland &c. of Protestant Countries to come and seek Relief in England; the Consequence of which I need not tell your Grace.

My Lord. I find upon Enquiry, that Endeavours have been us'd, and are still employ'd, to get proper Evidence against other Publishers of Wicked Books beside C. but hitherto without Effect, for I suppose C. took care to advise them to put their Books out of the Way, at the same Time he gave your Grace Information, in hopes to have made a Merit from your Grace for the Discovery, and to oblige his Friends the Publishers, by preventing any Books being found in their Hands by the King's Messengers, which might make them obnoxious to the Law. <sup>court of</sup> It seems Sentence against C. in the L<sup>d</sup>. Bench, is respited till next Term, upon a New Information against them.

I am with all possible Respect,

My Lord, Your Grace's,  
most obed<sup>t</sup>

To the Reverend  
Mr. Morgan at  
Haulby Midx.

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Middle Temple  
2. July. 1726.

Rev. Sir, I acquainted the Society what what you desired, but a List of all their Members having never yet been ~~presented~~ granted to any Body for several Reasons, some of which I mentioned to you, they hope it may not be insisted on by the Gent. who desires to see it, when you assure him that several persons of both Houses of Parliament are pleased to be Members, beside a great Number of Brgy and Laity both in Town and Country, of whose Names he may command a sight of a List whenever he comes to Town, and you will let us know where he may be waited on. There are in all about 500. Residing and Corresponding Members who at this Time unanimously joyn their good Offices in promoting the Design mentioned in the printed Letter from a Residing to a Corresponding Member, and one Capital Qualification, next to their being Charitable well disposed Persons, is, that they be well affected to the present Government both in Church and State, as may be seen by an Inspection of their Rules, which you may command a Copy of, but they are too large to be sent by the post.

I am Rev. Sir. Your most humble serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. N.

To the Rev. —  
Mr. Fothergill  
at St. Albans.

Middle Temple 4. June. 1726

Rev. Sir, I have long wished for Leave to send some Children under my Care, to your School for 2. very good Reasons, one because that your Terms are more reasonable than where they are, and ~~the~~ another because I believe they would better improve in Learning. But I can't yet bring it to bear, however <sup>I am glad to tell you that</sup> I have ~~disposed~~ <sup>disposed</sup> a Friend of mine, Mr. Twynning, an Druggist in Devereux Court, is disposed, upon the Character I have given of your School, to ~~carry~~ <sup>send</sup> put his <sup>modest youth</sup> only son under your Care, relying on your Goodness to ~~have~~ <sup>keep</sup> him







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gained him, with ~~an~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> but this ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> returned the proof we left him  
with a letter of which I have enclosed a Translation.

I have been long afraid that Mr. Bedford's Zeal for the Orthographical  
Marks would embroil the Undertaking, but now my fears are that a greater  
Objection is coming in *videlicet* that the Aleppo Copy is far from being so perfect  
as it ought to be, and how we shall mend it, now is a Difficulty I can't at  
present solve. Mr. Vadicchi long since insinuated the same Objection, but as it  
came to the Society under so solemn a Recommendation, and furnished him  
with ~~English~~ <sup>the</sup> value of 50. Guineas, he did not think it became him to  
urge it; Mr. Norris seems to have no Interest to Bias him but Truth, ~~and~~  
I don't mistake him, and if it be as he says, the Impression can't proceed on  
the Foot it is, without blasting the Design, and bringing a perpetual  
Reproach upon the Society.

I believe D.<sup>r</sup> Lisle has long wished he had never been concerned in  
sending us for a Copy to Aleppo, <sup>and</sup> yet whether could we have gone to be better  
advised than to the Patriarch, and to the Country, where the Turks are to be  
disposed when printed. But so it is every good Undertaking must meet  
with Shocks before it can be executed. Pray consult D.<sup>r</sup> Lisle upon this, and  
get his Advice what is best to be done. I would have saved you the Trouble,  
but that this is an affair better to be settled by Conference than Letters, and as  
you often see him, and know the whole from the Beginning, I hope you  
will be so kind as to agree what the Society had best do.

It is to be wished that Mr. Soloy could be consulted, but as he is in the Country,  
I can't don't care to write to him on so disagreeable a subject, till I have  
orders for it. I am Rev.<sup>d</sup> Sir Yours &c. H. V.

The Society last Night approved of the Draught of a  
Memorial to the Prince for his Royal Highness's Society  
which Mr. Bedford undertook to cover to Mr. Molyneux for  
his Opinion of it.

I just now received the 10. L. Donation with was offered at S.<sup>r</sup> Dunster's Whitson  
Sunday as to the Corporation for Charity Schools, but neither Mr. Hoare nor Mr. Gardner  
would accept it under that name, so the Proprietor ~~has~~ <sup>having</sup> wrote for further Instructions  
he was directed to send; it comes from an old Corresponding Member who desires to be  
unknown, and if you are going into the Country I would send it to you by <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ for your  
Rec<sup>d</sup>. to exchange for what I have given for it.

Father R. Houbt  
J. Spencer Compton Knight,  
Speaker of the Ho. Commons.

Middle Temple  
14 July 1726.

Your Sir,

~~Mr John Gouson and I were this Day to wait upon  
you in behalf of the Society for promoting Missions Knowledge  
to request your good Offices to his Royal Highness on the Subject  
of y<sup>e</sup> Memorial herewith left to your favourable Consideration  
S<sup>r</sup> Spencer being at home this M<sup>o</sup>. was not left  
as was intended.~~

To the R<sup>t</sup>. Rev<sup>d</sup>. the  
B<sup>p</sup>. of London.

Wind. Temp. 16 July 1726.

My Lord I just now rec<sup>d</sup> the enclosed from  
Gov<sup>r</sup>. Phiney; ~~the~~ Capt<sup>n</sup>. Cale who brought it  
over was desir<sup>d</sup> to deliver it with his own  
hand, but his Affairs have hitherto prevented  
him, ~~and~~ He does not return to Providence till  
he has made a voyage to Archangel; ~~also~~  
but in the mean time any Commands from y<sup>e</sup>.  
B<sup>p</sup>. may be convey<sup>d</sup> by the way of Carolina.  
I have cover<sup>d</sup> an Acct<sup>t</sup>. of the times <sup>when</sup> and  
hours by whom <sup>late</sup> y<sup>e</sup>. Lordships Letters to the  
Plantations were sent, by

My Lord y<sup>e</sup>. B<sup>p</sup>. most obed<sup>t</sup>.  
humble Serv<sup>t</sup>. H. N.



Mr. Bedford at Hoxton Middx.  
Reverend Sir,

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Middle Temple  
20. July. 1726.

My Man failing me last night till between 9 and 100. I could not come at the Papers order'd to be sent to Sam Harris till it was too late, for which reason I have wrote to him by the post to expect the fair Copies of everything that is to be laid before the prince by you, but in the mean time to concert with Mr. Molyneux the manner of presenting the address from the Society.

I am Dear Sir Your most obed. servt.  
H. V.

I have herewith sent  
Copies of the Arab. Doctor  
Printed proposal and the  
address to his Royal Highness

To My L. A. Bp of Cant.

Middle Temple

23. July. 1726.

My Lord

I humbly thank y<sup>r</sup>. Grace  
for the favourable reception you was pleas'd  
to give ~~St. John Gerson~~ & me last Monday  
to the request of the Society by St. John Gerson  
& me; Mr. Bedford went yesterday to wait on  
Mr. Molyneux in hopes of being introduced,  
and if he returns with an answer worthy of being  
signify'd to y<sup>r</sup>. Grace it shall be sent.

~~My Lord~~ Upon representing Monf. Est's Case as  
~~a worthy Person who desires to depart the Kingdom &~~  
~~one that did not desire to stay in England to expect future relief~~  
~~to prevent other persons coming hither but to return to~~  
Geneva to prevent others coming hither under the like  
mistake as he had done, the Society have agreed  
to pay him five Guineas upon his arrival in  
Holland ~~to the~~ expense of his ~~journey~~ voyage, and  
I expect him <sup>to call on you</sup> in a day or two ~~to call on you~~ for  
this answer.

My Lord I rec'd yesterday the enclosed from the ~~Mag.~~  
~~Mag.~~

~~Unfinished~~ Tranquebar, with a letter to the Society  
which <sup>gives</sup> a very comfortable acct. of the pro-  
-gress of the missionaries there. I presume y<sup>r</sup>.  
Grav has the same acct. in effect, and ~~there-  
fore I don't repeat~~ and what they have sent  
now & for everly way I hope furnish materials  
for a 4<sup>th</sup> vol. of letters w<sup>h</sup> some ~~people have~~  
of their Benefactors have been very desirous  
to see. I am with all polite respect.

My Lord <sup>My Lord</sup> ~~Graves~~ went  
Capt<sup>n</sup> Flammen lately came from Berlin  
is in the same case with M<sup>r</sup>. Fiet  
only that he has not a family & therefore  
the Society have given him only 2. Guineas  
to return.

To the B<sup>p</sup> of London

Mid. Temple  
27<sup>th</sup> July. 1726.

My Lord

I received y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship's Letter in favour  
of M<sup>r</sup>. Aubert, and have taken a Copy of his Petition to  
y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship to be laid before the next meeting of the  
Com<sup>tee</sup> for Proselytes which will scarce be during the  
Vacation. // <sup>M<sup>r</sup>. Aubert</sup> he apply'd to them last <sup>January</sup> winter for assistance &  
though they had ~~formerly~~ assisted him with 12. pounds  
once for all, to open a Boarding School for which he  
fancys himself qualified, <sup>(in ~~opposition~~ against their rules)</sup> gave  
supply of six Guineas upon condition that ~~he would~~ <sup>they would</sup> be  
content paid to him in York City where his family then  
was, to prevent his coming out of that cheap Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to be a trouble to y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship & other Charitable  
persons for which ~~he does not want~~ <sup>he does not want</sup> insurance: One  
Lady of Quality having as he told me given him in  
than 2 years 50. l. or 50. Guineas, and when I ~~sent~~  
him the Bill for 6. Guineas pay<sup>d</sup> in York City he received



~~it~~ with ~~great~~ contempt, saying that while he  
~~attended~~ had solicited, to receive that, he had been hindered  
from receiving it. 29. Ciss was from persons of quality.  
I other end of the town. ~~He is now making a 3. or 4. attempt for opening~~  
a Boarding School wh<sup>ch</sup> I doubt will be to no better  
purpose than formerly; ~~but~~ if he could not do it in  
Yor<sup>k</sup> City where there are few rivals in such a business,  
compared with what ~~is~~ about London, I doubt he  
can manage himself ~~so~~ <sup>little</sup> success against so many  
schools as are about London; but he finds the Trade  
of begging in a Town more advantageous  
than in York. ~~and the one which~~

I am My Lord

To Erasmus Philipps Esq.  
Member of Parliamt. for Haverfordwest,  
at Picketon Castle, Pembrokeshire.

Middle Temple  
30<sup>th</sup> July. 1726.

Dear Sir,

My last informed you that the Warrant for his Majesty's Bounty was signed, but we have not yet rec<sup>d</sup>. the Money, and Mr. Tolson yesterday told me it would require some friend of Interest, in Mr. Robert Walpole, to put him in mind of signing the subsequent Warrant, which was every Treasury Day laid before him. I am afraid it is too soon to request Mr. John Phillips to write a Letter to him on the Subject, but when he will grant such a Request to be made, I am sure the Society will think themselves much obliged to him. In the mean Time Measures are taken to apply to the Prince, and the Bp. of Durham has undertaken, by himself, or the Lord of the Exchequer in waiting, to do it.

The Committee at St. Dunstan's last Tuesday had the satisfaction of receiving a Letter from the Mission<sup>aries</sup> at Tranquebar datell'd in Sept. last, by which the Beddies in the Neighbourhood of that Port have, at their own Charge, set up 13 Schools, subject to the Direction of the Missionaries, besides those immediately under the Care of the Mission, so that whereas by their last Acct. they had about 140. Children, they have now 570. add under their Care, without any more Expense than they were at

before, because the Heathen are so well satisfied in the Tendency of their Instructions that they bear the Expence themselves so far as to the Reading and Writing Part, but the Religious part is left entirely to the Missionaries; and what is more to be wondered at some Mahometans send their Children to these Schools.

This is a Fruit I never expected to hear of in so short a time, but if God is pleased to bless the weak Labours of the Missionaries, who can tell to what a Height the Mustard seed may in time grow. 2. Aug. 1726.

Thus far I had wrote to go by last Post, but could not then finish it. You have no doubt heard of Mr. Chandler the Dissenting Minister's Noble Vindication of the Christian Religion in Answer to Collins's of the Infidels. I thought it might be a curiosity to you to know in what obliging Terms my Lord Archbishop has thank'd him for it. This Performance with His Grace's Letter has procured to the Author such a Reputation, as has taken off most of his Books, and I am told the Deputies in the Old Burg, have added 100. £. of Ann. to what he had before, on condition that he leave off his Trade of Book selling, with he has complied with.

I lately spent a Day at Putney on purpose to have an hour's Conversation with Mr. Law the Author of the Practical Treatise &c. and had the Satisfaction of 2. or 3. Hours in Mr. Gibbons Delightful Garden, where he lives. Among other Things I ask'd him how he came to fall into that happy Way of thinking he seem'd to be Master of, and whether he could prescribe any Rule for other people to obtain that Happiness by? He told me, he had long addicted himself to the Study of the Heathen Moralists who had a way of thinking uncommon to the rest of Mankind. That he could help considering Plato, Socrates, Seneca, Epictetus &c. as lesser Lights sent into the World by God to prevent the Gentiles among whom they liv'd, from being abandoned to gross Immoralities, till the great Light by Jesus Christ should come into the World: That tho' their Notions of Futurity were very dark, yet their Thoughts upon the Excellency of Virtue and the detestableness of Moral Evil were so sublime, that he could not help thinking sometimes, that they were divinely inspired. That if he had any Felicity in his Way of thinking perhaps he had derived it in some Measure from his great Esteem of the Excellent Moralists, and their inimitable way of Expressing themselves.

I desired to see the young Gent. under his Care, but before he shew'd him me he told me that he was the only Child of Mr. Gibbons, that his Father and his Uncle would leave him about 100. Thousand pounds, and that he might be effectually drawn to a Contempt of the World under so plentiful a Fortune, they design'd him for Holy Orders, so that the young Gent. was so well inclin'd that he apply'd himself to Study with the same Eagerness as if he was to have no Dependence upon any Thing else for his Livelihood. They have been at Camb. University where Mr. Law himself was educated, and the young Gent. is enter'd there, but the Difficulty of finding Company they could relish, has oblig'd them to return to the Delightful Gardens at Putney to pursue his Studies there, only he must keep his Terms at the University. The Maturity of your Youth fully answers my Expectation: Your Brother Duckley and Mr. Berwick saw him often at D. Desaguliers's. I have only Room to beg you would give my most humble Service to S. John Phillips, to your Brother John and his Lady, and Mother in Law, and that you would believe that I am



P. S. to W. E. Phillips - 20

W. Dennis the Poet has wrote a vindication of the Stage  
in answer to W. Law's Book & therein has charged our  
W. Bedford with being a Nonjuron<sup>al</sup> <sup>who formerly wrote agt. the Stage supposing him to be</sup> the author of a  
Book abt. Hereditary Right &c. & that he and Collier  
& Law in consequence of their Principles as did affected  
Persons write agt. the Stage as one of the grand supports  
of the Government & that both must stand & fall together.  
W. Bedford is now preparing a vindication of himself  
for the pub. & intends at the same time to pass some  
reflections upon W. Dennis's arguments in defense of the  
Stage. I have wrote to S. John Phillips this Post  
by order of the Committee at S. Dunstan, abt. what I  
have mentioned above.

To S. John Phillips Bart.  
at Picton Castle

Mid. Temple  
2. Aug. 1726.

Hon. S.

~~I was afraid I was afraid of~~

~~waiting to you so soon after y<sup>e</sup> going into the~~  
~~Country I have attended every week at the~~  
~~Treasury since the King's Warr. was sign'd, excepting~~  
~~when S. Rob. Walpole was in Norfolk in hopes~~  
~~of the Warr. for paying <sup>His Majesty's</sup> the King's Bounty, w<sup>ch</sup>~~  
~~to be <sup>subsequent</sup> from the last of the Treasury~~  
~~is a special Warr. directed to My D. Halifax;~~

~~I have not been to <sup>the</sup> the Treasury but hitherto in~~  
~~vain and last <sup>from the</sup> day W. Pitt told me that it would~~  
~~be necessary to get some friends <sup>that had interest in</sup> to put S. Rob. in mind of~~  
~~signing the Warr. w<sup>ch</sup> was every Treasury day laid before~~  
~~I should sooner <sup>have</sup> accepted <sup>with</sup> of this, but that I thought~~  
~~of not signing~~  
~~too soon after so many good offices, you had done in~~  
~~this affair to trouble you, but the Com: then S. Dunstan,~~  
~~when~~

when I aegted them <sup>this morn.</sup> with the delay, and wher it  
stuck wed of opinion you woud take it better to be  
informed of the difficulty than not, ~~it left~~ said you  
woud be at y<sup>r</sup>. liberty to take ym own way and  
time of recommending it. I<sup>m</sup> ways being at the Committee  
said if you should think fit to ~~send a~~ <sup>write a</sup> Letter to him  
he woud carry it to S<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. ~~himself~~ <sup>for him</sup>.

I ~~think~~ <sup>have</sup> my last to W<sup>m</sup>. Phillips of the 5<sup>th</sup> July cover'd  
a Copy of the King's wars. ~~dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1726. It contained by the~~  
~~was D<sup>s</sup>. of the Treasury that you may the better know~~  
how to write in the affair, and request you woud  
give me leave to refer ym to W<sup>m</sup>. Phillips for other  
Society News, having wrote to him a long letter  
~~before~~ by this Post before I knew of writing this.

I am with the greatest respect

S<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. most obed. humble  
Sew<sup>t</sup>. H. N.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
W<sup>m</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Pannycuik  
at Oxenhale near Newent  
Gloucestershire.  
Reverend Sir

Middle Temple  
11<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

I did not receive your Favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> March last with the 1/2  
Guinea endo<sup>d</sup> till the 7<sup>th</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> by the hands of M<sup>r</sup>. Green, because it seems  
the person who brought had call'd at my Chamber two or 3 times in vain, and  
living in service, as far off as Burygate street, could not call again, and therefore  
he left it with M<sup>r</sup>. Green.

Since then I acquainted the Society with the Donation, and they have  
order'd me to desire you woud give their Thanks to the Charitable Gentleman  
who has been so kind as to send that Contribution towards their Designs.

You mention 19. Guineas sent to me or some other person in Trust for  
the Society since the 5<sup>th</sup> Guinea, you was so kind as to remit in October last  
to the Malabar Mission. I have examin'd the Society's Books, and don't  
find a Report of any Donations like that, sum that have come from  
you.



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your part of the Country within the time you mention: If therefore the Benefactors  
will not permit their Names to be used, pray obtain from them leave to signify  
by what hands their Charity was conveyed, and for what particular U<sup>s</sup>, because it  
may happen to have been paid to another Society, not by Design but by Mistake,  
which may be easily rectify'd when known.

Salisbury is the 50. l. Benefaction, which you mention to have been sent to Dr. Forster  
Tranke College at Hall; and to the Malabar Mission by a Gent and his Lady.  
There is no record of it in our Books, nor do the Society's Receiver or Benefactors  
to either of those Designs know any Thing of such Benefaction, which you  
may therefore be so good as to enquire after.

The Society are very sensible of the great Abuse in the Managem<sup>t</sup>. of  
Gifts, and will be glad to know of any thing in their power to redress  
these Abuses; And if you please to favour them with a Copy of the Scheme  
you have prepared for that purpose, they will make the best use they can  
of it.

I have not yet met with the Book you mention to be recommended to the  
Society called Luther's Man's best Interest, when I do, I shall take care to lay  
it before the Society as you desire.

J<sup>r</sup> John Philipps and his Family are well, but gone into Wales.  
I am ———— Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, Your most humble servant,  
H. V.

To the A. B<sup>d</sup> of Cant.

at Croydon

My Lord

Mid: Temple  
13. Aug. 1726.

I received the enclosed Paragr. Yesterday  
to be layd before the Society, but the matter it relates to, re-  
quiring no time to be lost, I have taken the liberty humbly  
to acct. y<sup>r</sup> Grace with it: ~~In hopes you may be pleas'd~~  
to signify y<sup>r</sup> <sup>thoughts</sup> ~~pleasure~~ therein to such as have an interest  
in directing the Affair, before it ~~may~~ be too late.

Y<sup>r</sup> Grace knows this matter so well that I need not  
~~expatiate upon~~ <sup>urge</sup> what may be said ag<sup>t</sup>. the University's  
accepting any Proposal from Mr. Basset or even his for  
the Stationers Company, for they are in effect one & the  
same. ~~Mr. Basset has~~ <sup>the Stationers Company have paid</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~200~~ <sup>in paying</sup>  
200 ~~years~~ <sup>years</sup> ~~ago~~ <sup>ago</sup> for a privilege to printing Bibles,  
H. Com. Pr.







If this matter should ever come under a Parliamentary Consideration it would never be allowed that one Man, or one Body of Men, should enjoy the Privilege of King's Printer at London and Edinburgh, and of the Univer<sup>sities</sup> of Oxford and Cambridge at the same time; and yet Mr. Baskethas by one means or other engross'd the 3. first, and only wants to be Master of that at Cambridge to controul all the Bibles Sellers and Buyers in Great Britain

I know a Dutch Printer Mr. Dominer deceased, that offer'd Mr. Basketh 6. for every Bible that he printed and sold in England, for his Privilege that he would have indentured to mend the paper and printg. to the Satisfaction of those that complain'd of the present Impressions, and to be content with the price as they are now sold at: but he told me though Mr. Basketh thought this Offer very reasonable, he dared not to accept it for fear of forfeiting his Patent by it.

I mention this only to show, if that Dutchman could afford to give 6. a Copy for every Bible he sold, and yet make a living Profit besides of the University of Cambridge cannot be Losers by enjoying their own Privilege under any tolerable Management.

My Lord, I am ashamed to say more for fear of trespassing, but beg leave to subscribe that I am, with all possible Respect,

My Lord, Your Grace's,  
most obed<sup>t</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup>.  
H. V.

To the Rev. D. Sherlock  
Mast. of the Temple.

Wid. Temple  
13. Aug. 1726.

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>.

I make no apology for sending a Copy of the Paragr. herewith sent; ~~because~~ the importance of its Subject, & y<sup>t</sup> own inclination prevent ~~to any ready~~ the mischiefs fear'd will do that ~~let me~~ tell you how much of the bad <sup>reputation</sup> of the complain'd of, that ~~it~~ I need not give you any acct. of them; <sup>permit</sup> ~~give me leave~~ only to say that Mr Basketh has already <sup>and means</sup> ~~acquir'd~~ to be the King's Printer at London



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& Edinburgh, and a Sale for the Privilege of  
the University of Oxford, he only wants to be Master  
of the Privilege of the University of Camb. to  
have it in his power to controul all the Bible  
Sellers & Buyers in Gr. Britain, so that let  
the complaints agt. the price, paper, print, and  
uncorrectness be never so <sup>many &</sup> just, they must be borne  
with, till there is another Shop to go to for them,  
and when Cambridge shall have parted with  
their Privilege nothing but an Act of Parliament  
can ~~offer~~ <sup>be</sup> that remedy those complaints. ~~and~~  
~~and~~ <sup>am persuaded</sup> you have so good a sense of the  
necessity of interposing yr. good offices on this occasion,  
that I need say no more than to assure you  
that I am  
Rev. Sir

Yr. most obed.

To S.<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>. Steele at  
Carmarthen

Wid. Temple  
16. Aug. 1726.

Hon. Sir

I gladly embrace any occasion of  
saluting you; and being inform'd <sup>that</sup> you was pre-  
paring an Entertainment for the Stage the approaching  
winter I thought it might not be unacceptable to  
you to present you with the reflections of a Learned  
& Pious Author on that Subject. I am persuaded  
If his Arguments are weighty, you are ~~assured~~ <sup>virtue</sup> of  
too great a friend to ~~truth~~ & honour to ~~immer~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> Advocate & promoter of  
the ~~Design~~ <sup>Design</sup> of them, ~~what they~~ <sup>what ever</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> the contrary and that you will always  
do just to ~~truth~~ <sup>truth</sup> though you must ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup>. I have sent the pamphlet in 2. packets  
by this Post that it may be ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> ~~going~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup>  
S.<sup>r</sup> Yr. most obed. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>. H. N.

To J. Maule at  
Cambridge

Mid: Temple  
16. Aug. 1726.

Rev. J.

A motion having been made  
for renewing the Lease for the Privilege of the  
University for printing Bibles & Com. Pr. books, I am  
glad to hear it has been rejected though it was  
but by a small majority. I doubt not but you  
was among the Rejectors, and hope by y<sup>r</sup>. vigilance  
it will be made impossible for any private Ar-  
tificer to prevail on the University to accept a  
proposal for forming a Trust s. derogatory to  
their Honour & the Interest of Religion.

The Universities were no doubt originally in-  
dulg'd with this Privilege with a view of  
their being Checkers upon all those that should  
pretend to impose upon the World uncorrect  
Editions of the Ho. Scriptures but if that Pri-  
vilege be sold to the Man or Company who  
seek it only to have it in their power to  
impose their abuses of the Publick by scandalous  
Editions without controul, how can they be  
said to have acquitted themselves of the Trust  
reposed in them.

I dare say you have this matter so much at  
heart that I need not urge ym to oppose a  
resolution so dishonourable to the University as  
the selling or setting a Guardianship would be  
in a guardian but if it must be let why  
not to the highest Bidder? Perhaps some public  
spirited Gent. when they are allow'd to do it  
may



may make proposals<sup>28</sup> more reasonable to the  
interest & honour of the University than can  
come from the Gent. they are now treating  
with

I shall be glad to know whether I am  
misintend in this affair, and shall thank  
you for a short Acc<sup>t</sup> of the steps that have  
been taken in it, assuring you that I am  
with great respect

Rev. F. Y. most obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>

To the R. Rev. the  
B. Bp of Durham  
at Epsom  
My Lord

Wid. Temple  
27. Aug. 1726.

The Society having been acqu<sup>ted</sup>  
that Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> was so <sup>kind</sup> as to undertake the pre-  
senting of their Memorial to His Royal Highness  
relating to the Arab. Impression  
I am order<sup>d</sup> to desire Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> their thanks may  
be accepted for Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> favour therein, and to  
request you would be pleas<sup>d</sup> to signify the  
good effects of Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> <sup>kind</sup> offices in their  
behalf of <sup>an</sup> Undertaking wh<sup>ch</sup> Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> has so  
generously espous<sup>d</sup>, in hopes that when the  
Prince has been pleas<sup>d</sup> to signify his  
pleasure therein, they may be enabled to  
take such other measures for raising a Fund  
as may be effectual for accomplishing  
the Impression they have to the number of  
10. thousand Copies of the N. Test. in Arab.  
I am Y<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>y</sup> most obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>

The Rev. Mr. Law.  
at Putney

Middle Temple  
30. August. 1726.

Rev. Sir, I was yesterday Morn. to have waited on you at  
Putney, but not finding you at home, I intended to have called  
again at Mr. Gibbons's after Dinner, if the Length of the Ride  
with Flock had not prevented me.

I wanted to communicate to you some Letters I have recd  
on the Subject of our East Conference, and to know whether you had  
received any; and if you had what Advice they contained, so far as  
related to this affair.

If you have ~~not~~ seen the Pamphlet herewith, but you will  
be informed by it, of several of Artifices used of late years to  
impose bad Impressions of the Bible on the publick, and  
what hard usage Mr. Watson the K<sup>t</sup> printer at Edinburgh met  
with, for being the only Rival to the King's printer at London.  
If it had come to a Decision in the House of Lords, in all Likelyhood  
things would have been on a better Foot than they are now, but Mr.  
Watson dying while it was depending there, Mr. A. has found  
Means to prevail with the appellants to drop the Execution, and  
to get himself admitted into partnership with those that enjoy  
the privilege of K<sup>t</sup> printer at Edinburgh, so that now Bibles  
and Common Prayer Books may be imported from Scotland, while  
Mr. B. may enjoy a Share of the Profit by Sale of them.  
And Mr. Watson the Widow by the Carelessness of her Serv<sup>t</sup> now  
prints as bad as her husband did well, by which Means the publick  
are likely to be imposed on from thence as well as from our own  
presses.

I leave it to you to make use of ye Case herewith sent as you  
shall judge best, and shall be glad of a further Conference with you  
whenever you can be so happy, being

Yours  
Rev. Sir

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. N.



To Sir Robt Walpole, 30

31. Aug. 1726.

Sir,

I am desir'd humbly to put you in mind of Mr. John Philipps's Request for the Lords of the Treasury to sign the Warrant for paying his Majesty's Bounty to the ~~and~~ Impressions of the N. B. S. in Arabia. And by you would permit me at the same time to request you would be pleas'd to consider my Memorial about Stoves for the province of New Hampshire, and to signify your Commands thereon to

Sir, Your most obedt. Servt.

To the Reverend  
Mr. Robt. Mallabone Vicar  
of Shustock Warwicksh.

Middle Temple?  
7. Septemb. 1726.

Reverend Sir,

The Parochial Library for Shustock was sent by Tho. Saunders last Monday Carriage p. here for 1. 3. 6. d. 5. p. & came to 16. 10. besides other Charges & expens'd here. It was directed to be left at Colshill at the King's Arms as you desired. The Key of both Cases is nail'd on the Top of the largest Case under the Matting, and in the same Case you will find a Bond with 2. Catalogues of the Library with you are desired to execute, and sign in the presence of our Church Wardens and other noted parishioners; One of the Catalogues when signed to be delivered to my Lord Bp. of Lich. and Coventry, and the other with the Bond are to be returned to me under a frank Cover if you can easily get one, if not, without such a Cover for the use of y<sup>r</sup> Themselves.

I wish you may long enjoy the Use of this Collection of Books which you owe very much to the Charity and kind Recommendation of the Rev. Mr. Boyse of Berkswell, to the Gent. concerned in this Charity - I am

Rev. Sir, Your most humble Servt.

A. N.

Let me know where it is placed in the Vestry or parsonage House.

To S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Perkins  
at Chertsey. Surrey.

Middle Temple  
24 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1726.

Hon<sup>r</sup> Sir,

The Rain prevented my waiting on you last Week at your Lodgings before I went out of Town, but I order'd my Man to wait on you with a Copy of y<sup>e</sup> plan herewith sent, and to make an Apology for my not doing it in person. It seems he could not come at any of y<sup>e</sup> fair Copies, and therefore I have now sent one.

When I was lately at Hampton Court I waited on S<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Lloyd to be instructed how to serve you in the Case depending before the Court of Delegates, of which he was pleas'd to give me a very particular Account, and that he was surpriz'd at the Miscarriage of it in the Lower Court, but that he would by no Means advise you to prosecute the Appeal, because if you got y<sup>e</sup> better of your Adversaries, it was a great Shame but that you would be more out of pocket than by submitting to y<sup>e</sup> Judgment that has been given: However he said his Sentim<sup>ts</sup> were entirely under y<sup>e</sup> Correction of S<sup>r</sup> Henehan, who knew the Affairs better than he did; but he absolutely disapproved of my speaking to any one of y<sup>e</sup> Judges of the Court of Delegates in Favour of the Cause before-hand, as what would hurt the Cause, tho' it were never so good, and gave me Leave to quote his Opinion in Justification of my not doing it.

In short, what he said to me convinces me that it deserves your Consideration, whether you had not best acquiesce in y<sup>e</sup> Judgment given, especially if the Costs may be reduced to much under 100. L. (as S<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel seems to think they may) and to transfer your Charity to some other place where you may be sure of a more grateful Reception than you have met with at Chertsey. Such a procedure will equally promote the Honour of God, and the service of true Religion in our Nation whenever your Bounty falls.

I am



I am just now returned home and since I had not the happiness of finding you in Town, I thought it my Duty to signify this to you, that you might take an Occasion of conferring with Dr. Henshman and S<sup>r</sup>. Nathaniel before they leave the Country.

I am Sir, Your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

A. N.

To M<sup>r</sup>. Rowland Sherman  
at Aleppo, Syria.

Middle Temple 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1725.

By S<sup>r</sup>. Pompey  
Capt<sup>n</sup>. Markin

Sir Being just returned from visiting some friends in the Country I have only time to overtake the Ships now bound to Scanderoon with a Copy of my last via Marseilles, their Departure being a Month sooner than they were last year, and so sudden as to prevent <sup>Society</sup> sending the Copies of Dr. Powells Letters &c. as promised in my last; but God willing they shall not be forgot by the next Opportunity, when I hope also to send you your Greatest part, if not the entire N. Test in Arabic. The Impression of which is now actually begun for 10. thousand Copies in 4. somewhat larger than Exoniensis with but in two Columns, the verses being distinguished as you desired. It is printed in the same Letter as the Pratter was, notwithstanding w<sup>h</sup> it is computed it will reach to 50. or 60. Sheets.

I shall be glad to hear of your receiving this and to be advised by Mr. Kingston how to send a proof sheet of what has been worked off, the Ships being now in the Downs.

Dr. Lisle and Mr. Polby are well with their Patrons in y<sup>e</sup>. Country, and I believe will be as much surprized as I was at the sudden Departure of these Ships. I wish you all manner of prosperity and am  
Y<sup>r</sup>. Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

To M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Knight  
Agent for the E<sup>st</sup>. India Company  
at Deal.

Sir I beg Leave to trouble you with the enclosed to be put on Board either the Pompey Captain Markin, or the Mountaine Capt<sup>n</sup>. Sax. or the Halifax Capt<sup>n</sup>. Butler all bound to Scanderoon and it is supposed the former are in the Downs if not all 3: be so good only as to put y<sup>e</sup>. Ships Name, if you have Leisure, on y<sup>e</sup>. Subscription that you forward it by, and you will further oblige  
Y<sup>r</sup>. Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

To Tho. Raibon Esq  
in St. Mary's Church yard.

Wid. Temple  
30. Sep.  
1726.

Sir

The Society receiv'd y<sup>r</sup>. generous Ben-  
efaction of one Hundred Guineas by the hands of S<sup>r</sup>. John  
Cotton who was desir'd to ~~give~~ <sup>transfer</sup> their Thanks to you  
for it; Since that the Messengers has <sup>at y<sup>r</sup>. House</sup> ~~est~~ a parcel of their  
Books of the Society of wh<sup>ch</sup> they desire y<sup>r</sup>. acceptance as  
a Specimen of what they usually disperse among  
their Members in Town & Country; and that you  
may be fully apprized of their ~~methods~~ <sup>of Corresponding</sup>  
designs, I have herewith sent a Copy of their last  
Circular Letter to all their Members touching the sev<sup>l</sup>  
designs, they are engaged in, not doubting but that  
of them no such as will ~~not~~ <sup>will</sup> recommend themselves  
to y<sup>r</sup>. approbation.

I am with great respect

To the Rev<sup>d</sup>. D<sup>r</sup>. Gooch  
at Cairns Col. Cambridge

Wid. Temple  
1. Oct. 1726.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

I had the honour of y<sup>r</sup>.  
Lett<sup>r</sup>. of the 24<sup>th</sup>. of last month <sup>in answer to</sup> ~~on the subject of~~  
my Lett<sup>r</sup>. to the Dean of Chichester, and thank  
you for the information <sup>advice</sup> of it, which I shall  
communicate to several wellwishers to the Honour of  
the University, to set them right in what had been  
misrepresented <sup>to them</sup> about the <sup>University's</sup> disposing of  
their privilege to W<sup>m</sup>. Basset, or which <sup>seems</sup> to  
be the same thing to the Stationery <sup>if they</sup> will make  
no use of it to W<sup>m</sup>. B<sup>s</sup> prejudice <sup>which they carefully</sup>  
~~use they have made of their privilege~~ <sup>avoid</sup> during  
Contract now expiring.

While y<sup>r</sup>. self and is many other persons have  
~~not~~ at least to prevent any abuse of the Publick  
under the umbrage of the University there can be no  
danger of <sup>inspire</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>into a contract</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup>  
the University can be ~~land~~ <sup>drawn</sup> into an affair of this Nature & proper  
to her private Interest to her Publick Honour. I am with great



To the B<sup>y</sup> of London 34

Wid. Temple  
3. Oct. 1726.

My Lord

In obedience to y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship's Com<sup>ds</sup>  
I wrote to the B<sup>y</sup> Dean of Chichester, and <sup>covered</sup> ~~wrote~~  
him the Parage. I ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~sent~~ from Oxford, but  
the Dean not being at Cambridge: D<sup>r</sup>. Gooch  
has sent the enclosed answer w<sup>ch</sup> I thought  
it my Duty to lay before y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship.

I doubt there will be no great Dependence  
upon the Rivalship between the Stationers & M.  
B. since they seem in respect to this affair to  
be in one interest, by what may be infer'd  
from their conduct under the Contract now  
expiring, and thus much I have <sup>signified</sup> ~~wrote~~ to  
D<sup>r</sup>. Gooch, submitting it to y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship to re-  
=commend what you shall further think fit on  
this occasion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Blair being ~~in Town~~ come home  
from Virginia, would be a very proper  
person to be consulted on the East ag<sup>t</sup>.  
Quakerism w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship was pleas'd to  
mention, there being in <sup>those</sup> ~~land~~ parts of America  
<sup>perhaps</sup> some of the most intricate & ~~unusual~~ <sup>peculiar</sup> of  
that Sect that are in the world.

I am My Lord y<sup>r</sup>. Obed<sup>t</sup>

Middle Temple  
15. Octob. 1726.

I acquaint your Grace that I have now  
Royal Bounty of 500. £. to the  
mont, and paid the same to  
whom the Bounty was made

To S. Rob. Walpole

Middle Temple  
5. Oct. 1726.

Done at the

Hon. Sir,

Give me Leave humbly to remind you of Mr. John  
Philipp's Request, that you would be pleas'd to grant the final  
Order for receiving an Majesty's Bounty to the Impression of  
the N. D. in Arabia, a favour that will very much oblige the  
Govt. of the Society who are concerned in promoting it.

I hope also the Affair of Stores for Foot Co. and Mary  
in N. Hampshire may find a Leisure Moment for your Consideration  
and your Commands therein will particularly oblige -

I Sir Your most obed. humble servt.  
H. V.

To the Reverend  
Mr. Wheeler,  
at Warponham

Middle Temple  
13. Oct. 1726.

Rever. and Dear Sir,

Last Saturday Even. between 9. and 12. a very fine Aurora  
Borealis shew'd it self here to above 100. thousand Spectators, which I now hear  
has been seen above 3. Score Miles round London and how far further a little  
time may show, but I think the Observations already made place it far above  
the Atmosphere, and must therefore puzzle all our Philosophers to account for  
If it was seen in France and Ireland &c. it will be a Demonstration that there  
are vast Materials in the Region of the Airs hitherto thought to be a Vacuum



To the B<sup>y</sup> of London

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My Lord

I wrote to  
him the Para,  
the Dean not be  
has sent the  
it my An<sup>t</sup>

which the great Creator vouchsafes to disclose to ignorant Mortals as  
he did the Magus, and the Use of Microscopes & after they had been  
concealed for many Ages from learned inquisitive Philosophers.

This glorious Phenomenon has given the Beholders of it, a noble  
Idea of the Cloudy pillar of Light which conducted the Israelites through  
the Red Sea, and may I hope with Reverence be said to bear some  
Resemblance to the divine Thekinah that appeared to the Patriarch  
Abraham and Moses, and filled the Temple of Solomon at the Dedication  
of it, which some Infidels now a days make a jest of as fictions and  
Priest Craft.

All our Members in the County are now looking towards the  
Town, and will soon make a full Assembly at S<sup>t</sup>. Dunstons to  
carry on the Designs of the Society, which I hope will always promote y<sup>e</sup>  
Glory of the Supreme Being in spite of all the Opposition of an  
unbelieving Age.

Dr. Hare and all your Friends here rejoice in a good Share of Health  
as I hope you do, and wish you long may, being

Rev. Sir, Your most humble servant  
A. N.

While a Crowd of Admirers  
were gazing on this Phenomenon and  
puzzling themselves to account for it, a little Child of  
yours old being asked about it, said the Moon was broke  
to pieces, and indeed Madam Luna has not been soon since.

I am glad to tell you that this morn. I received at the Excheq<sup>r</sup>. His Majesty's Royal  
Grant of 500. l. to the Impression of the N. B. St. in Arabic and the Society are now  
printing the 8<sup>th</sup> Sheet of 10. Thousand Copies, under the Care of 6. Directors.

To His Grace of Cambridge  
at Lambethouse

Middle Temple  
15. Octob. 1726.

My Lord,

I am glad to acquaint your Grace that I have now received at the Excheq. His Majesty's Royal Bounty of 500. £. to the Arabic Impression of the New Testament, and paid the same to M<sup>r</sup>. Hoare by Doctor Mejer's Order, to whom the Bounty was made payable.

I have not yet heard from M<sup>r</sup>. Hoare what he has done at the Princes Court in favour of the Impression, but believe he cannot fail of success, after the Steps your Grace has been so good to take to prepare the Way for him, or any Person that should apply to his Royal Highness.

I am  
My Lord, Your Grace's most Obed.  
humble serv<sup>t</sup>.

P. S.

My Lord, Before Sealing I have the Honour of your Grace's Letter of this Day, and hope by your Grace's Influence the Privilege of Cambridge University will be put into good Hands.

As to the Specimens left in your Grace's and the Bp. of London's Hands, I never expect to see an Edition come up to them in all respects. These Specimens are made with the utmost Care and Attention of the Printer; but their Zeal flags before they have got half through the Bible, or even through a Common Prayer Book. If the Composer and Corrector do their parts well, if either the Stationer by bad paper, or the Press Men by bad Ink and Careless Work fail of their parts, the Impression may be as effectually spoiled as by the first hand failing in their parts. This has been found to be the Case in all Editions I have seen of M<sup>r</sup>. Baskett's: Particularly his last boasted Edit. of the Common Prayer Book in Min. 24<sup>th</sup>, though it began well, there is now and then a yellow Sheet comes in to help off a bad parcel of paper, or the Press Men make one Sheet with a strong black, and the other so pale as scarce to be read. And I am sorry to tell your Grace that the same faults attend the new Editions in Ireland, where they set out with fine Specimens and



promis'd to use such Care as to mend all the Faults complain'd of in England: but their Letters coming from Holland, their Font was so scanty, that by that time they had finish'd the O. Testament, the Letters had lost their Beauty, and to save Charges of new casting them, the New Testament is printed with a worn out Letter, and the Press Men seem to have been ty'd with their Work, and impatient to be rid of it at any Rate. I beg pardon for this tedious ~~Exposition~~ Serowl, assuring your Grace that I am with all possible Respect,  
My Lord, Your Grace's most Obed. humble servt.  
H. N.

To the Reverend

W<sup>m</sup>. Law

at M<sup>r</sup>. Gibbons

at Putney

Middle Temple

17. Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

Rever. Sir,

I herewith send you the Copy of a Letter I lately received from Doctor Gough on the Subject of what we were talking of, that you may take Measures with your Friends at the University accordingly, for securing the Interest of the Publick.

I am sorry my Occasions have not permitted me to wait on you again at Putney, and the Season is now too cold to expect that pleasure, but I hope I shall have the Honour of seeing you when you come to London, and shall be glad to see young M<sup>r</sup>. Gibbons at the same time.

If you have not lent Mr. Chandler's Vindication of Christianity to Mr. Harris, I shall be oblig'd to you for the Return of it by M<sup>r</sup>. Main the Waterman, who will carefully convey it to,

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir,

Your most humble servant.  
H. N.





To the Ps of London

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Und. Temple

20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1726.

My P.

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The indulgence you have been

pleased to give me to  
the enclosed paper from Mr. Brodman a worthy Christian in Camb. & P. M. sent  
presented to me by Mr. John Bunce of Trinity Hall to you. I have  
Mr. Brodman had sent to me a general character of him, but I sent it without  
to the Rev. D. Le Clerc who has been very kind to accept it. I will  
Principal of Edmund Hall

10. Oct. 1726.

at Oxford  
Rev. S. you will see by  
upon what motives the Proposals herewith sent  
that the Society for Promoting Christian Know-  
ledge have been induced to undertake an  
impression of the Psalter & N. Test. in Arabic.  
They have ~~been~~ <sup>very happily</sup> enabled by the cha-  
ritable contributions of their own members &  
diverse other well disposed persons to accomplish  
an Edition of 6000. Psalter most of which are  
already sent to Aleppo and <sup>most</sup> thankfully accepted  
with many Blessings on Brit. Nations as a most useful supply to the <sup>mission</sup> in those parts  
by the Patriarch of Antioch, but the impression  
of the N. Test. being requiring a more ample  
Fund, they have been obliged to renew their  
Solicitations, for further aids to ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~affairs~~  
friends that are able & willing to carry on this  
Design; in consequence of which His Majesty has been  
graciously pleased to pay to the Rev. D. Wray the  
same in pursuance of his ~~treasurer~~ <sup>treasurer</sup> for this purpose ~~500 l.~~  
This ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> it is to be doubted and the same is accordingly  
the Society have reason to hope that so good an  
Example may be cheerfully followed by many all who  
are able & willing to assist in promoting the Cause  
of Religion that the University of Oxford will

will ~~not~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~leaving~~  
be <sup>upon</sup> a proper application ~~to~~ show their  
good ~~vill to it~~ Zeal for encouraging so <sup>Christian</sup> charitable  
and ~~design~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~transferring~~ the undertaking when  
they are acquainted with the reason for it, which  
you are ~~the~~ <sup>also</sup> requested to recommend in the  
most respectful manner to the <sup>the</sup> ~~Rev.~~ Heads of Houses  
for their countenance & encouragement in confidence  
for which & other charities ~~that may be sent in for~~  
carrying on this work the Society have actually  
begun to print 10. thousand <sup>of y<sup>e</sup> ~~Rev.~~ in ~~the~~ London</sup> Copies under the  
ablest Corrections ~~which~~ that can be procured for  
such a service.

Your ~~favor~~ <sup>in accepting</sup> ~~this~~ <sup>good</sup> office on this  
occasion will <sup>at least</sup> be a proof of y<sup>r</sup>. own Zeal and  
~~in this instance~~ <sup>may</sup> be thankfully acknowledged  
by the Society, in whose name whatever <sup>may</sup> be  
the ~~source~~ <sup>high</sup> ~~of them~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~highly~~ <sup>highly</sup> ~~significant~~ <sup>significant</sup>  
to you in the name of the Society  
~~of~~ <sup>by</sup>

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>.

To S<sup>r</sup>. Geo. Cook  
Hon<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

Mid: Temple  
19. Oct. 1726.

Our Messenger the Beaver told me  
you desir'd to speak with me before you paid  
any more to the Proselyte Society. I have  
endeavour'd to wait on you but always found  
you too much engag'd to be able to get interrupted  
with such a little affair; Whenever you command  
me I shall be ready to obey y<sup>r</sup>. orders.

The Society have their Quarterly meeting to  
morrow at S<sup>t</sup>. Pauls Church. where they will  
be glad of the honour of y<sup>r</sup>. Company.

I have

long be always  
gratefully acknow-  
ledged by y<sup>e</sup>  
young Gent.  
who desire to  
be a particular  
obligation on Mr  
Brookman as  
well as on  
my self  
y<sup>e</sup> ~~Rev.~~ <sup>most</sup>



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I have herewith sent ~~the~~ a Copy of their ~~new~~  
printed Rules with the New Regulation for limiting  
~~the distribution~~ of their Charity to 50. persons wh<sup>ch</sup>  
is found by experience to be attended with less  
trouble & expense than their former Method  
and I hope will meet with yr. approbation.  
I am S<sup>r</sup>. Y<sup>r</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

To the Reverend  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Weller  
at Maidstone Kent.

Middle Temple  
21. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

Rever<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I receiv<sup>d</sup> your kind Ac<sup>k</sup> of y<sup>r</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>. Curr<sup>t</sup>. with 10. pounds  
by H<sup>nd</sup>. of M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Hammond, for which I have given him a  
Rec<sup>t</sup>. till I can y<sup>t</sup>. proper Receipts from our Treasurer.

In Obedience to your Command I find by inspecting the  
Society's Books that you had p<sup>d</sup>. to Michas 1719. so that there were 7.  
Years due <sup>last</sup> Michas amounting to 14: 14: —  
From which deducting the Money now p<sup>d</sup>. 10: —: —  
there will remain due 4: 14: —

I shall acquaint the Society w<sup>th</sup> the Disappointment you meet  
with at Maidstone in relation to y<sup>r</sup>. Manag<sup>mt</sup>. of your Workhouse and  
wish they may be able to promote the expedient you recommend or any  
other for preventing the Abuse you so justly complain of.

I beg your Excuse of the plan herewith sent, with y<sup>e</sup> hopes be of  
Use to some of your Neighbours, if not to your own parish, and should  
have been sent last year w<sup>th</sup> your packet, if the plate had been finish<sup>d</sup>  
in due time. I am Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir Your most Obedient

To the Reverend,  
Dr. Fellon  
Principal of Edmund Hall  
Oxford.

Middle Temple  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1726.

Rever. Sir,

I communicated your Ave in favour of Mr.  
Palmieri to the Comm. for Relieving Proselytes from the  
Church of Rome, and they are glad to understand he has so  
good a Character, as you are pleas'd to give him; in regard to  
which they intend to continue him upon the List of Proselytes  
reliev'd by them, but they decline giving <sup>such</sup> security as the parish he  
lives in have ask'd, because they think that would be going beyond  
their Commission, and might be a Precedent of ill Consequences  
if granted to him or others in the like case: they therefore hope  
what their Secy has signify'd by Order of y<sup>e</sup> Comm. may  
suffice to obtain the Credit requir'd in his Behalf, and your  
good Offices therein will be thankfully acknowledg'd by them, as  
well as,

Rev. Sir, Your most Obed humble servt.  
H. N.

To the Rev. Dr. Gooch  
at Camb.

Middle Temple

27. Oct. 1726.

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>. I doubt not but the Pamphlets  
herewith sent may furnish ~~you~~ with several  
hints that may be of use to prevent the  
abuses that have grown upon the Publick  
in the Impression of the Bill<sup>de</sup>, and if the  
University of Camb. will <sup>to themselves</sup> reserve such a power  
as you was mentioning, no body can be  
hurt by it, except those who <sup>desire to have it</sup> impose  
upon the Publick.

I am with great respect

W. Watson being Dr. Gooch's Secy  
W. Baskett has ~~accompanied~~ the Pamphlets  
sent with the Scotch Printers by

coming into a Partnership with them, which makes it the more necessary to



To the Rev.  
W. Waddington  
at Cambridge

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Mid-Temple  
27. Oct. 1726.

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>. You have seen by the  
Proposals published some time since by the  
Society upon what motives they have  
been induced to undertake an Impression off  
N. Test. and Psalter in Arabic, since which they have been happily  
enabled by Charitable Contributions of their own Members and  
diverse other well disposed persons to accomplish an Edition of  
upwards of 6000. Psalters, most of which are already sent bound to  
Aleppo and thankfully accepted by the Patriarch of Antioch, with  
many Blessings on your British Nation as a most useful Supply  
to y<sup>e</sup> Christians in those parts. But the Impression of y<sup>e</sup> N. Test.  
requiring a more ample Fund, they have been obliged to renew  
their solicitations for further Aid, to carry on this Design; in  
Consequence of which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to  
order a Sum of £200. to be paid, and the same is accordingly  
pd. to y<sup>e</sup> Rev. D<sup>n</sup> Mayo, the Society's Treasurer for this  
purpose.

This Example the Society hope may be cheerfully followed by  
all who are able and willing to promote Christianity in Mahometan  
Countries; nor is it to be doubted that both Universities, upon  
a proper Application, <sup>will</sup> show their Zeal for encouraging so pious an  
Undertaking, when they are acquainted with the Reasons for it.  
I am therefore ordered to request you would be pleased to advise  
the Society how this affair may be recommended in the most  
respectable Manner to the Rev. y<sup>e</sup> Vice-chancellor and other  
Heads of Houses at Cambridge for their Countenance and  
Encouragement; wherein your good Offices will be thankfully  
acknowledged by the Society as well as by

Rev. Sir Your most Obedt. S<sup>r</sup>

To D. Mays  
New York

Wid: Temple  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1726.

Mr. Palmer's representation herewith  
sent was read ~~at the Committee~~ last Tuesday, and  
I was order'd to desire you would consider of it, and  
give yr. opinion of it if not next Tuesday the Com.  
following, when I will bring his Contract with the Society  
I wonder that a man of Mr. Palmer's experience  
should make so wrong a Judgment as to seem to  
have done from the beginning of the Arab. Impres.  
and in this Representation he has spared no colour to  
aggravate his ~~own~~ hardships from the mistake of his  
Judgment. ~~but~~ <sup>without</sup> ~~does not seem to~~ considering  
that every Article he complains of his complaint ~~is~~  
<sup>accompanied with equal if not</sup>  
~~accompanied~~ a greater hardships on the part of the  
Society.

As to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article ~~he must know~~ when he contract  
ed with the Society <sup>he must have known</sup> that if he could not perform his  
the business of an Arab. composer he was to find some  
body that could and as he had a Servant with a Genius  
for it, it was <sup>at his own election to devote him</sup> ~~very reasonable that he should be devoted to~~  
such a service, or <sup>to get a new one from Holland</sup> ~~to get a new one from Holland~~, but  
as he chose the former, the Society paid Mr. Negri a Geni-  
-man a week all the while he instructed ~~Mr~~ Palmer's  
Servant <sup>and this he was at the same time</sup> ~~who was~~ as I doubt of use in the Printing House  
he charges the loss of <sup>6. months</sup> ~~of his~~ Instruction.

As to the 2<sup>d</sup> Article there was no time set in the  
Contract when the <sup>Improvement</sup> ~~work~~ should be begun. In an affair of this  
nature it is impossible to foresee all <sup>accidents</sup> ~~hindrances~~ that may  
occur. Mr. Palmer was to cast a new Font ~~from the Polyglot~~  
~~Machin~~ <sup>Types</sup>, but it was not <sup>foreseen</sup> ~~supposed~~ then that they were  
so defective as they proved, which defects were very much  
amended at the expense of the Society who found themselves  
under a necessity of getting new paid Mr. James the Com-  
Founder's ~~at last 25. or 30. l. extraordinary for supplying~~



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defects of Mr. Palmer's matrices, and when that was done  
made <sup>little</sup> use of the font, being convinced by Mr. Cuy's  
advice that they would save the price of a new font  
in paper, and therefore employed Mr. Carlson to make one  
without consulting Mr. Palmer who had discovered so  
little judgment in what was already done, nor did they ex-  
pect Mr. Palmer should pay for it, if he paid for that which  
was cast by Mr. James, and therefore <sup>what</sup> was stipu-  
lated in the 1<sup>st</sup> contract what was <sup>limited</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> con-  
tract <sup>1720</sup> which is cancelled to the font from the Polyglott  
matrices is in the last contract, only called a font in ge-  
neral terms that Mr. Palmer might pay for either that  
was most favourable to him. What is <sup>in this article</sup> of giving  
Mr. Acres 35. <sup>2</sup> If sheet is out of the Cole, ~~for that is already~~  
amply allowed by the Society the 17<sup>th</sup> of May last when in-  
stead of a Guinea a sheet ~~they~~ according to contract, they  
agreed to give him 2:12:6. a sheet, and here that upon  
Mr. Badger's motion June the 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Acres is to have  
guineas of 5. <sup>note</sup> If sheet <sup>for</sup> his extraordinary care  
with makes it 2:17:6. If sheet for the composing part  
only, <sup>and is</sup> above 4. times the price given for composing  
the same body in English letter.

As to the 3<sup>rd</sup> article if Mr. Palmer pays for 1<sup>st</sup>  
font from the Polyglott matrices, the Society don't ex-  
pect him to pay for Mr. Carlson's.  
As to the 4<sup>th</sup> article, ~~that~~ is answered under 3<sup>rd</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> As to the 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>of 6<sup>th</sup> article</sup> If Mr. Palmer did not understand  
his own business, he should <sup>not</sup> make the Society pay  
for his want of judgment, especially when they have  
so amply considered him already. He was <sup>always</sup> found at  
the head of the undertaking, <sup>and</sup> ~~that~~ supposing him mistaken  
in some things, he had time to correct himself before  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> contract was made. And though the Society  
who were <sup>not</sup> acquainted with a thing of this nature  
referred to themselves, the liberty of printing <sup>the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000</sup> of  
copies <sup>was</sup> paying 7:10. to Mr. Palmer for every thousand  
textual sheet of that number towards ~~paying~~ calling the charge  
of that was him <sup>yet</sup> instead of abating 6000. the  
Society

Society now print 10. thousand without any diminution of the  
Terms on their part though I believe Booksellers who em-  
-ploy him would ~~have~~ in the like <sup>have</sup> expected it.

and what Mr. Palmer now offers of 25. Guineas and  
giving up all the types to the Society, ~~would~~ be after by  
our means or other <sup>be</sup> represented a hardship and so the  
whole contract <sup>made void</sup> ~~be set aside~~ except where the articles are  
binding to the Society.

The Society's Solicitations have obtain'd a Royal Bounty  
~~from the King~~ & other Benefactions are daily expected  
upon which they have enlarg'd the No. of ~~the~~ Impression  
But if people are to be bindly'd in <sup>any</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>making</sup> ~~making~~  
~~and~~ contracts made <sup>after</sup> long Deliberation only because  
the Fund may reach to pay any price that ~~can~~ be <sup>may</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~  
upon there will be no end of demands; and if you remem-  
ber when the last <sup>freely</sup> upon the Contract was made  
in favour of Mr. Palmer, <sup>by not the got above 1000. pounds, all things considered,</sup>  
it was expressly <sup>referred</sup> that no other article was  
to be bro'd into. And whatever has been done of

Specimens &c. extraordinary not included in the  
Contract the Society have always generously  
consider'd it upon the <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Motion as you will see by y<sup>r</sup>.  
Acct. of Disbursements; & I saw may be still done where that is just  
upon the whole I can't help thinking ~~if it were to~~  
~~be again, with the same money~~ though the Society have  
been as frugal as possible in their management; ~~and~~  
if it were to do again <sup>by</sup>  
leaving out the orthographical marks we are not com-  
plained of being wanted in the ~~alter~~ from Aleppo,  
with 8 same Fund <sup>Costs</sup> 15000. might have been printed for what 10.  
thousd. will cost, in the ~~and~~ the Vol. more portable  
than it will now be.

I am Rev. &c. y<sup>r</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

I should not have given you this long letter upon this  
but ~~in hopes~~ to save you trouble by ~~representing~~ <sup>representing</sup> ~~any thing~~ <sup>any thing</sup> ~~present~~  
~~the terms of the Contract~~ & refreshing y<sup>r</sup>. Memory with what  
has been done from time to time in pursuance of the Contract.  
to which we are parties.



To the Rev. Mr. King.  
at Topsham Devon.

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Middle Temple  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1726.

Dear Sir, I received your Favour of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> instant with the  
enclosed Bills for 54<sup>l</sup>. and 4<sup>l</sup> the former of which is accepted to be paid  
when due and the latter is pd by Mr. M. Clowes, and having made a  
Report of am and how they are to be applyd, I am orderd by the Society  
to desire you would accept their Thanks for your Care in Transmittin  
the ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> of 50<sup>l</sup>. from Mr. S. and to inform Mr. Osborn to the  
Arabick Impressions, and for your own Contribution to their Design;  
and that you would be pleas'd to give y<sup>e</sup> Thanks of y<sup>e</sup> Society to the  
worthy Benefactors abovesaid.

The Society have recd. his Majesty's Royal Bounty of 500<sup>l</sup>.  
to the same Impression, upon wit, and the <sup>other</sup> ~~propos'd~~ <sup>of y<sup>e</sup></sup> Benefactors,  
they have been ~~induced~~ <sup>induced</sup> to augment the ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> of 6. Thousand first  
propos'd, to Ten Thousand Copies of the New Testament, which are  
print'd off as far as the 7. or 8. sheet

I shall send you an Account of the application of the Remittances  
of 50<sup>l</sup>. when paid.

I have deliver'd the Widow Martyr's Petition and certificate  
Sign'd by Dr. Walpole and Mr. Wm. Morrice to Mr. Grayner one of y<sup>e</sup>  
Court of Assistants of y<sup>e</sup> Society of Clergymen's Sons who has promis'd  
to prefer it their next Distribution, which cannot be till Easter next,  
but he observ'd that your Name was not amongst the persons who recommended  
her, which for y<sup>e</sup> future in y<sup>e</sup> like Cases you may perhaps think  
proper to add, to prevent any Doubt of your objecting to the person recommended.

I have forgot Susannah Gatehol's Case having put it into the  
hands of some Member of y<sup>e</sup> same Society to present when occasion  
offer'd, but whatever is to be added to her Character must be  
recommended in Form to y<sup>e</sup> Society, or it will have no Effect:  
I hope my Love about her will inform you when and to whom her  
petition was given.

There is a very pleasing account come to the Society from the Mission<sup>ers</sup> in the El Jadid, of wit you shall partake as soon as it can be digested into some form, fit to be communicated: it is now in high detail and now Translating.

My humble service to all the Gent. of your Society, and I beg you to believe that I am  
Rev<sup>d</sup> F. Youse

This account should have been put to you last post, but I had not time to write it, since with I have your favour by last post putting in me of in mind of writing this.

Lord Bp. of Cloyne  
in Ireland

Madell Dwyer  
29. 6. 1766.

My Lord, I received both your Lordship's packet of the 8<sup>th</sup> Curr with Mr Knight's generous Donations of 50 l. Irish and your ~~Letter~~ addition of 50 l. to make it English Money. I Mr. Gould has accepted the bill to pay it when due, and I am ordered to desire your Lordship and Mr Knight would accept of. Thanks of the Society for the same, with shall be applied as your Lordship proposes; half to the Malabar Mission, and the other half to the Arabic Impression of the New Testament.

Since my last his Majesty's Royal Bounty of 500 l. is paid to the Society, upon with and prospect of the Donations, the Society have been <sup>indeed</sup> ~~induced~~ to augment the Impression of 6000. Copies, first proposed, to 10,000. Copies of y<sup>e</sup> New Testament in Arabic, with are printed as far as y<sup>e</sup> 7. or 8. Sheet

I laid all y<sup>e</sup> papers your Lordship covered, relating to y<sup>e</sup> ~~Printing~~ <sup>before</sup> Oppenrich of Cloyne upon Mr John Philipps, upon his coming to Town last Monday; and having read them over to him, he desired me to assure your Lordship that he would concur with the



B<sup>y</sup> of London about them, and take the opportunity  
of recommending them to Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Walpole, who is now in Norfolk  
and will expect to return till abt 14 Days hence.

But Mr John thinks it will be proper to prevail with the  
Council of the Revenue in Ireland, to send over your  
Memorial with their Opinion thereon, before he speaks to Mr  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Walpole: Because till that lies before the Lords of the  
Treasury, here, nothing can be done to dispatch it, more than  
to give fair promise, which is not all you want.

I shall write to Mr Knight as soon as I can get a fair  
Translation of the account sent from the <sup>Desire</sup> Indians, out of high  
Dutch; But in the meantime, your Lordship would signify the  
Thanks of your body to him for his generous Satisfaction.  
I am with all possible Respect

My Lord Your Lordship's.

For the Reverend  
Lord Waterland  
at Cambridge

Middle Temple  
1. Novemb. 1726

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

It is with great pleasure I hear you are so solicitous for the honor  
of Cambridge to renew their ~~ancient~~ <sup>ancient</sup> seal  
~~for renewing the seal granted by University to y<sup>e</sup> Stationers~~  
Company for printing Bibles & in such manner as may be for  
of the University and y<sup>e</sup> pub<sup>l</sup>ic in a matter wherein they  
are both so much concerned. I shall be very much obliged to you  
if you will please to inform me what Resolutions the University  
have taken or are likely to take therein, for the satisfaction of some  
Gentlemen who very much wish to see the impressions of the Bible  
especially for the common Use of those that read the Scriptures, put on

such a Foot as to prevent, if possible, all the abuses  
complained of in the late Impressions.

~~The~~ Dr. Gorch not being at Cambridge <sup>on</sup> occasions  
my giving you this Trouble which I doubt not you will be so  
good as to excuse in —

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir Your most Obed. <sup>but</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

To M<sup>r</sup>. Buckby  
Author of the Gazette:

2. Novemb<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

I<sup>y</sup> The Society for promoting <sup>received</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>his</sup> Majesty's Bounty above mentioned, it is a  
justice due to his Majesty at least to make some publick  
acknowledgment of it in the Gazette, in such words or to y<sup>e</sup>  
like effect as above, with I therefore request of you to do  
being, Sir your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>!  
H. N.

To the Bp of Durham  
My Lord.

Mid. Temple  
2. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

I acquainted the Society at their  
last general Meeting with y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>ty</sup> <sup>generous</sup> ~~kind~~ Bene-  
-faction of 20. Guineas towards the Impression  
of the N. Test. in Arab. and they were pleas'd  
to order me to desire y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>ty</sup> acceptance  
of their Thanks for it.

His Majesty's Royal Bounty of 500. l. has  
been ~~kind~~ paid, and measures are taken  
for an application to the Prince, but I can't  
yet <sup>intolly</sup> ~~req<sup>d</sup>~~ y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>ty</sup> ~~with~~ the same.  
I am glad to aeq<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>ty</sup> that the Impression is



in such a forward way that the 12<sup>th</sup> sheet of 10.  
thousand Copies was yesterday work'd off.

I am with the highest respect  
My Lord &c. Yr. most obed<sup>t</sup>

To the B<sup>y</sup> of London  
My Lord

Wid. Temple  
4. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

The Society for Impression of the N.  
Test. in Arab. is ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> advanced as far as y<sup>e</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup> sheet, and there being 10. thousand Copies  
of them, they take up so much room that Printer  
W. Balmer, has not where to lay any more, and has therefore  
apply'd to the Society for providing some place to  
receive them as they are work'd off, and pray'd  
the Society considering these have defr'd  
W. Hales & me to wait on your Lordship for  
a place for them in the  
Chappel at London House, where any expense  
that may be necessary of making a dry floor  
to put them on will be readily defray'd by y<sup>e</sup>  
Society upon y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship's permitting them to  
be plac'd there for ~~storage~~ <sup>storage</sup> till they can be  
bound & slip'd off. ~~And~~ To make it as  
little troublesome as possible to any serv<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>.  
lives, ~~and~~ may appoint to receive them the Printer who  
will so order it as not to aff<sup>r</sup> his attendance above  
one in 6. weeks or 2. months ~~to bring by~~ <sup>while</sup> Posters  
bring in what may be work'd off in that time, but this  
My Lord is said upon supposition that y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship will be so  
good as to grant this request, ~~and~~ another inducement  
the Society have for ~~bringing it~~ <sup>desiring this</sup> is that beside  
saving

saving a considerable charge in living Stairroom,  
the Books will be removed there from any accident  
by fire. <sup>W. Hales being out of Town I shall</sup>  
with <sup>Mr. Pym's permission</sup> ~~wait on you~~ <sup>at Whitehall</sup> ~~next Monday~~  
for y<sup>r</sup>. commands herein being  
W. Marshall the Post Master. My D<sup>y</sup>. Pym most obed<sup>t</sup>.  
of Boston sends his humble duty  
~~say<sup>t</sup>. Pym~~ we word that he has  
received and conveyed all y<sup>r</sup>. Pym  
Letters for that part of America  
which ~~went through~~ I had sent to him  
& desires his humble duty may be ac-  
ceptable to y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship.

To J<sup>r</sup>. Humph. Mackworth  
at Neath Glamorg<sup>r</sup>.

Middle Temple  
5 November 1726.

Sir, In answer to your Favour of y<sup>e</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup> of last Month I  
have herewith sent the List of the several Sorts of Testaments  
printed and sold at the King's printing House with their prices  
in Quires, as sold to Bookellers who retail 'em: and I have  
added the price with the Cheaper Sort may be afforded at bound.  
If a person takes 2. doz. whether bound or Unbound, he's allowed one  
gratis to make <sup>the</sup> Number a quarter of an hundred: and this is all y<sup>e</sup>.  
Advantage that is allowed to those that buy them by <sup>a</sup> hundred.

I have also sent the late Act of Parliament for employing y<sup>e</sup>.  
poor, by which abundance of Parishes have been encouraged to set  
up Workhouses, and in 2. or 3. years time reduced their poor Rate  
to 3. or 4. 1/2. p<sup>r</sup> h<sup>o</sup>us, beside taking better care of y<sup>e</sup>. Poor according to  
the Account printed and sent in your last packet from y<sup>e</sup>. Society.

The Charge of buying or hiring a house is generally out of y<sup>e</sup>.  
Savings of y<sup>e</sup>. poor for the 1<sup>st</sup>. 2. or 3. years, but some find it  
after



often so kind as to advance the Money upon an Order of Vestry  
 that they shall be reimbursed out of the Poor Tax, and a Bond, if  
 required, given by the Wardens and Overseers of the Poor for  
 reimbursing such Advancement.

I am Sir Your most Obedt. humble servant,  
 A. N.

The Society have received his Majesty's Bounty  
 of 200. £. towards the Impression of 10000.  
 New Testam<sup>t</sup> in Arabic, and the 12. Apostles  
 now printed off.

To the R<sup>t</sup>. Worshipfull & Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
 D<sup>n</sup>. Craven  
 Vicechancellor of Cambridge.

Mid. Temple  
 23<sup>d</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

NB. This Letter was  
 sent the 24<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>.  
 under a frank  
 from the Bp of  
 Rochester.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

Upon several representations of

the great usefulness & charity of furnishing the  
 Poor Christians in Palestine & other Eastern Countries  
 with printed Copies of the Psalter & N. Test. in  
 Arabic the Society (at London) for Promoting  
 Christian Knowledge have been induced to under-  
 take an Impression of both those books, and the  
 R<sup>t</sup>. Rev<sup>d</sup>. the Lord the Bp, with many others of the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup>. Clergy, as well as of the Nobility & Gentry,  
 have heartfully assisted by their good offices &  
 Contributions to promote it, by which means the  
 Society have been enabled to print off upwards  
 of 6000. Psalters in 8<sup>vo</sup> most of which are al-  
 ready sent bound to Aleppo & thankfully  
 accepted by the Patriarch of Antioch, with many  
 blessings on the British Nation for so reasonable  
 a supply to the Christians in those parts, but the  
 Impression

Impression of the N. Test. requiring a larger Fund to accom-  
plish it, the Society have been oblig'd to solicit further  
Assistance to carry on this Design, in consequence of w<sup>ch</sup>  
the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the D. Townsend has been so good as to  
obtain from His Majesty a Bounty of 500. l. w<sup>ch</sup> the  
Noble S<sup>t</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Walpole has since order'd to be paid,  
and the same is accordingly paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dr.  
Mayo the Society's Treasurer for this purpose.

This gracious Encouragement from His Maj<sup>ty</sup> has very  
much animated the Society to proceed in the Undertaking  
and to extend the Impression to 10,000. Copies in 4<sup>to</sup>  
in hopes that God may incline the Hearts of other  
Rich & charitable Benefactors to enable them to ac-  
complish it.

The Society promise themselves, that a design of this  
Nature cannot but be countenanced <sup>and encouraged</sup> by both our Uni-  
versities when it is recommended to those Learned  
Bodies by proper hands.

I am therefore order'd by the Society in the most respect-  
full manner to desire that you would permit them  
to recommend to you, & by you to the Heads of Houses  
at Cambridge, to promote the Advancement of this Under-  
taking in the University, in such manner as you  
and they shall think proper: And whatever  
encouragement may be effected by y<sup>r</sup>. good Offices  
on this occasion, if it be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>t</sup>.  
Washington of Peterhouse he will remit it to  
the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dr. Mayo.

I have the honour to be with great respect

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>t</sup>. Y<sup>r</sup>. most obed<sup>t</sup>. humble

Serv<sup>t</sup>.

H. N.



For the Reverend  
Mr. Godfr. Washington  
at Cambridge.

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Middle Temple  
24. Nov. 1726.

Rev. Sir.

I have received your great favours of the 1. and 20.  
Curr. and am to thank you for them in the Name of the Society.

I have by this Post wrote to the Vice-Chancellor in favour of y.  
Arabick Impressions, and have acquainted him that you would be  
so good as to receive any Donations that might be paid to you  
for that service, and to remit them to y.<sup>r</sup> Rev. D.<sup>n</sup> Mayo.

By the Cambridge Carrier (Hartston I suppose) there will  
be sent to morrow Thors. 30. Copies of the Extracts of Letters <sup>for</sup> for  
printing the N. Test. in Arabic, which you are desired to lodge  
with the Vice-Chan. or otherwise as he shall direct; and in the same  
parcel your 2. Papers in Arabic, which you are desired to send,  
One to the Vice-Chan. and the other to the publick Library at  
Cambridge, as a Memorial of y.<sup>r</sup> Impression, and as a specimen  
of the Letter with which the N. Test. is printing.

These are all directed to your self, who are so good as to  
interest your self in promoting this Affair; for with I hope God  
will reward you.

The person that is charg'd to deliver them to the Carrier  
has Orders to pay the Carriage of them, if any Body be in the  
Way to receive it.

The like Application has been made to Oxford, but I can't  
yet tell you the Success more than in General, a good Disposition  
to favour the Undertaking. D.<sup>n</sup> Fellon, Principal of Edmund  
Hall, is so good as to do the Office at Oxford, which the  
Society now request of you at Cambridge.

I am with great Respect,

Rev. Sir, Your most obed.  
humble serv.

A. N.

The Rev. Mr. Domesday P. Esq. of Ralston's  
Son in Law, thinks it will be proper to present every  
Head of a Coll. with a proposal, but is left entirely  
to your Discretion, after having consulted the pleasure  
of the Vice-Chancellor there.

The Rev. Dr. Fenison . . . . . C<sup>n</sup>

To the Reverend  
Doct<sup>r</sup> Fenison.

Middle Temple  
26. Novemb. 1726.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

According to your Order by M<sup>r</sup>. Thyring I have paid to M<sup>r</sup>. Lyttleton the Ball of your Ans<sup>r</sup>. Herewith put, and left both the Ans<sup>r</sup>. and Vouchers with her, with should have been sooner done but that I could not till Friday get the last of them tho' bespoke a Month since, the Treasurer of our Society not signing the Acc<sup>t</sup>. sometimes till many Weeks after Quarter Day. I shall be glad to know you receiv'd this Ans<sup>r</sup>. and that you approve of my thus far obeying your Commands being,

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
H.N.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lyttleton tells me you intend to come to Town in some little time: I hope I shall have y<sup>r</sup>. honour of seeing you then.

All your Friends, of y<sup>r</sup>. Society, God be praised, are well, and go on vigorously in the Arabic Impression of the New Testam<sup>t</sup>. since his Majesty's Benefaction of 500. l. perhaps you may think it worthy of your Consideration, whether it might not be properly recommended to the rich Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to encourage the Undertaking. The Chapters of York, Durham and Winchester, with both our Universities, have shown a good inclination to further it, and, upon a proper Application, I doubt not but your Dean and Chapter would be as forward as any of them.

To the Reverend.

M<sup>r</sup>. Stevenson  
at Olwall Herefordshire

Middle Temple  
26. Nov. 1726.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I thank you for your Lre of y<sup>e</sup>. 15. Curr<sup>t</sup>. with came very reasonably to determine the Society in their Debate, what up to make of the Frangulorian Journal, which they are  
inclined



inclined to print, but not all, and they are satisfied you are a very good Judge what is fit to be published, and what not.

I have therefore this Day sent it by Owens Carriage<sup>d</sup> here, and with it Mr. Bedford's Transcript, for it can't be call'd an Abstract, though ~~it~~ <sup>he</sup> was desir'd he would have contracted it.

Both the Translations have been examined by you, that understand the Originals, and I believe your Observations had better be grounded on them than on Mr. Bedford's Extract, tho' of that also the Society would be glad of your Opinion.

Mr. Bedford seems not to have been well instructed in what was previous to this Journal to have accepted of the promise he undertook, though it has cost him much pains, and I wonder he has done so well. I am

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, Your most obliged

Humble servant.

H. N.

I have 6. Months more to send to you, as soon as I can get it out of the Translators hands, with I expect every Day.

To the Reverend.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Schultze & of the Missionaries at Tranquebar.

Middle Temple  
26. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen,

The Society receiv'd your joint Letter <sup>in Latin</sup> of the 20. Sept. 1725. and I have rec'd your English Letter of y<sup>e</sup>. 20. Aug<sup>r</sup>. <sup>of the same year</sup>. The contents of both with were very acceptable to the Society, and they congratulate you on the safe Arrival of your 3. Fellow Labourers who went last from hence: It was good providence that directed them to the Choice of the Ship that carried them over, and I doubt not <sup>but</sup> that I shall be order'd by the Society to take the first Opportunity of thanking Capt<sup>n</sup>. Michelsfeld, in their Names, for the great Civilities he shew'd to them in their Voyage.

His

It is with great pleasure that the Society are informed of the <sup>great</sup> increase of the number of the heathen schools and children <sup>under your care,</sup> and they hope it is a sure presage that God will still bless your <sup>future</sup> labours for the enlargement of y<sup>e</sup> Kingdom of Christ, and that the time is approaching when the <sup>all</sup> heathen are to be given to him for his Inheritance. It is a great Satisfaction to y<sup>e</sup> Society to observe, that at the same time it pleased God to put this Disposition into the hearts of the heathen of resigning themselves to your Instruction, that Messrs. Bojer, Frenckier and Waether happily arrived to give your <sup>their</sup> Assistance.

The Society have received in three several packets Mr. Schuchter's Journal for 6 years ending at December 1725. and have been <sup>very</sup> much delighted in the perusal of it, that they have it now under Consideration what <sup>use</sup> to make of it for the publick Service of the Mission being willing that other Benefactors <sup>to y<sup>e</sup> Mission</sup> besides themselves should partake of the pleasure of perusing it, and I hope by the next Opportunity to acquaint you with their Resolution therein; in the mean time I beg leave to recommend it to you to continue the Method you are in of preserving a Memorial of the most material passages relating to the Mission, and transmitting Copies of them to your Friends in Europe, as the best Expedient to inform them of the Difficulties you encounter and the Success it pleases God to give you to overcome those Difficulties.

The Society have been informed from Mr. Martini of several things you desire for the Service of the Mission consisting of Materials for the printer Bookbinder &c. all which I am ordered to buy and send to you by the next Ships.

The Letters which came under cover to me for Germany and Denmark were all carefully forwarded by our Friend Mr. Martini who tells me that the Money from professor Frank and the College at Denmark will be this year sent to you by a Danish Ship from Copenhagen.

I have this day reviewed the Letter brought from Mr. Hollis who is your hearty well-wisher, and by the Ships will go hence after. It was as you may expect to hear more particularly from others of your Friends.

~~Heartily pray God to prosper your Labours~~  
You have always the prayers and best Wishes of the Society that God would prosper your Labours for the Advancement of his Glory by gaining many many Souls out of the Darkness of Heathenism to the saving Light of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, in which good Wishes join most heartily.  
Rev. Quaker, your most humble Servant

the good will of our friends in a letter of 25 July last written to me in these words "I receive your many thanks for my letter from Copenhagen, & rejoice to hear the affairs of that Mission are in such a flourishing condition. I have taken the liberty to send you the next ship a letter from the same place, I am glad to hear that you are well, & hope you will continue to be so. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant, Wm. Jennings, Secretary to the Society."



Tom. Bryan Blundell Merch.<sup>t</sup> to  
at Liverpool

Wm. Temple  
3 Dec. 1726.

Sir,

Mr. Downing having sent to me your Letter of the 22. of  
last Month I took the first Opportunity to lay it before the Society for their  
Leave to send the Books you desired on their Terms, with which was immediately  
granted, being well assur'd that you desire them for charitable Uses, and  
though their next Circular Letter is not yet agreed upon, that will be one  
Paragraph in it, that their members in the Country will be welcome to  
send for Books as formerly upon making their Application to them by  
a Letter to me, for an order to their Bookseller, who cannot be supposed  
to know who are, and who are not, of the Society so well as themselves.

I find Mr. Downing has omitted the App. of London's Divisions  
to the Master and Mistresses, because I suppose he had news by him,  
but if you will insert them in your next Demand, I'll take Care you  
shall have them.

The Books you wrote for were sent by Knowles yesterday Carriage  
here 4/9 at 1.2. of weight. I am

Sir, Your most humble servant.  
H. V.

To S. Edmund Rice Bart.

at Carmarthen  
Pry Carmarthen  
Bags. So. Wales

Wm. Temple  
6 Dec. 1726.

Hon. S. & V. Zeal for promoting the  
Designs of the Society, has induced them at  
their last General meeting unanimously to  
choose you a <sup>honorary</sup> Residing Member, in hope you may  
be <sup>long time</sup> able to honour them with yr. presence, as  
well as <sup>promote</sup> them with yr. <sup>contributions</sup> <sup>every</sup> <sup>month</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>St.</sup>  
their General meetings are held at St.  
Pauls Chapterhouse the 1. <sup>afternoon</sup> <sup>afternoon</sup> Thursday afternoon  
in each Month beginning at 4. a clock in the winter  
Half year & at 5. the Summer Half year: But  
their Standing Committee meets weekly every Tuesday  
morning by 10. a clock in a Back Chamber of  
St. Dunstan's Coffeehouse in Fleet street, which is generally  
so well

so well attended that the Society have thought fit  
to enlarge their power so as to enable them to do most  
things relating to the design of the Society, without a  
Special Reference, except the choice of New Members,  
the making of New Rules, and the admission of New  
Books to be dispersed, but all the <sup>previously necessary</sup> steps ~~preparatory~~  
to all these ~~election~~ Resolutions are first taken in  
the Committee.

When you are pleased to signify y<sup>r</sup>. assent to  
the choice of the Society, I shall ~~send you~~ <sup>send</sup>  
to you a Copy of their Printed Rules, by  
which you will be fully acquainted with their Regula-  
tions, ~~and I am persuaded they will accept with~~  
~~approbation, and in the mean time you will~~  
~~be at liberty~~ <sup>make your</sup> way <sup>appoint</sup> a Subscription by Proxy  
of whatever you are pleased to contribute annually  
to their design.

I have the honour to be with great respect  
y<sup>r</sup>. Y<sup>r</sup>. most Obedt. Servt.

Reverend Sir,

To Mr. Pardo. at Oxford

Middle Temple  
6 Dec. 1726.

I received the favour of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> of last Month and  
soon after the 20<sup>th</sup>. By favour from the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Profer and his  
fishers to the Impression of the N. Test. in Arab. and an ordered ex-  
actly to desire you would give their Thanks to Mr. Profer and  
his fishers for it.

You was rightly informed as to the King's Bounty of 500. l. to  
this undertaking, and we soon hope for a favour ~~to be~~ <sup>to be</sup> ~~an~~  
application to be made to his Royal Highness for the same  
purpose.

I am glad to hear that you go so vigorously with the  
Impression, that the last day paid for 10,000 copies of the N. Test.



being we hope was a third of the Impression. 62

Mr. Downing waits your orders for beginning an Impression of Mr. Pritchard's Poems, the price he has set being so low, that he says he shall lose by it, unless he's secure of finding 500. or more Copies before he begins the Impression of a Book which will sell no where but in Wales.

I have delay'd this Letter, that I might send at the same time a Copy of the Contract at Reading for Maintaining a Workhouse lately erected there, for the Benefit of 3. parishes, with many more as a Model for any other parishes situated so as to come into a Combination for relieving their poor: And if it may be of use to your Neighbours, I shall be glad to know of any Improv'm't. they may make to it. As to the form of it, it has been approved by a part of the Law Members of our Society, and is recommended that I believe it may be hereafter printed, when we have a few more Instances of the like kind to add to it.

Pray give my humble service to Dr. Elton Principal of Edmund Hall, and let him know that I shall be glad to hear of the success of his good Offices with the Vicechancellor and University in favour of the Arabic Impression; and beg you may be assured that I am  
Res. s<sup>r</sup> Your most humb<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

To His Grace of  
Canterbury

H. V.  
Middle Temple  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1726.

My Lord,

Colonel Valognes having recommended it to your  
Loudy to make a New Impression both in Fr: and English of y<sup>r</sup>  
Book herewith sent in order to be dispersed in France as a  
reasonable preservative of y<sup>r</sup> Protestant Interests in several parts  
of that Kingdom I am ord<sup>r</sup> humbly to request your Grace's  
Loudness whether a Compliance with the Colonel's Motion

may with prudence be ~~done~~<sup>made</sup> at this juncture for fear of giving  
Umbrage of Offence at the same time that Endeavours are  
using to cultivate a strict Friendship between the Two Nations.  
My Lord, the first Ships for y<sup>e</sup> East Indies are already gone  
but others will follow in soon after Almat, when I hope  
your Grace will permit me to wait upon you for a Letter  
to the Missionaries at Tranquebar as one of the greatest  
Comforts that can be sent to them by their Friends in England.  
The Society have ordered a small cargo to be sent to  
them this year consisting chiefly of 40. Reams of printing  
paper, 500. Ozs. of foreign Silver and the usual present of  
English Beer and a Cheshire Cheese &c  
I am with all possible Respect,  
My Lord, &c.<sup>a</sup>

To the R<sup>l</sup> Honble the  
Countess of Piembury.

Middle Temple  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1726.

Madam, I have forgot last night ~~your letter~~ when Mr.  
Hales and I had the Honour to wait on your Ladyship, to present  
you with a <sup>in favour of the Impression of the N. Test. in Arabic</sup> copy of the printed Proposal herewith sent, and if your  
Ladyship will be so good as to find Means to lay the same before  
His Royal Highness, as it is not to be doubted but <sup>he</sup> will be  
graciously inclin'd to <sup>encourage</sup> countenance an Undertaking so much for the  
Honour of God, the King and the Nation, so it will be ~~looked upon~~  
your Ladyships good Office, <sup>therein</sup> on this occasion will be esteem'd as  
an high Obligation upon the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge  
<sup>have engaged the Discretion of</sup> ~~that the Society~~ <sup>in Arabic</sup> ~~who concern themselves in the accomplishment of this Undertaking~~  
~~have already done that of the Printer.~~  
Your Ladyship will be so good as to His Majesty has been  
graciously pleas'd to order the payment of 500. l. as his Royal Bounty  
to the



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~~this undertaking~~ to ~~this undertaking~~, and the same is since p<sup>d</sup> to V<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>. Mays  
before the Society could find Means to address his Royal Highness  
in so respectful a manner as they <sup>desire always</sup> ~~would~~ do; and whatever ~~Defect~~  
there may be in the <sup>method</sup> ~~form~~ of the Application now made, it is humbly  
hop'd from his Royal Highness's wonted Goodness, and the Inter-  
position of your Ladyship's ~~Grace~~ may be dispensed with,  
I have the Honour to be with all possible Respect

Madam, Your Ladyship's

Most Obedt. and most  
Devoted ex<sup>t</sup>.

To Mr. Fothergill  
at St. Albans.

Middle Temple  
8. Dec. 1726.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I received your Letter of y<sup>e</sup>. 22. of last Month and  
communicated it to the Friends of y<sup>r</sup>. young Gent. I recommended  
to be sent to you and they approve of all your Terms except that of a  
pair of Sheets, 6 Napkins and a Spoon in Lieu of Entrance: they  
would be glad ~~therefore~~ to know what you will demand for Entrance  
in Lieu of those Articles.

I believe I acquainted you in my Last that they had paid Entrance  
pretty liberally where they are already; and their Friends are content to  
loose that for y<sup>e</sup>. sake of putting them to a more reasonable School,  
as I told them yours was. In regard therefore that these Children  
are as it were, in Case of Orphans, maintained by Contributions of  
their ~~Friends~~ Friends here, till it shall please God to enable their  
Parents beyond Sea to do it themselves; and that their Friends here  
may have it in their power to recommend other Scholars to you from  
their Acquaintance with our College and School: And in regard also  
that you have 2. Brothers at a time instead of one, and may have a  
third when he is a little more past Childhood, I believe it will be for

your

Your Interest to be as favourable on this head as you can; provided for what abatement you make to those Children in regard to the Misfortunes of their parents, for others to expect the like Favour shall not be made a precedent for others to expect the like Favour, except they come <sup>by</sup> 2. or 3. at a time, and under the like Circumstances.

I am sure their Friends are persons of that Honour, that whatever Compassion you make in favour of those Children, will be abundantly made up to you in some other way; at least that is my Opinion.

Pray tell me in your next what ominous Persons have been educated in your School? I think you told me my Lord Lowper was, and some others; but of this I have been silent, till I could speak it with more certainty from your own Account.

I am Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. V.

Let me know also how soon after Christmas the Children may be sent to you. I suppose they may go with some other <sup>from London</sup> Scholars all in one Coach.

To the P. Vice. Perival.

Mid. Temple  
14. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1726.

My Lord

I thank y<sup>r</sup>. P<sup>r</sup> for the honour of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Cur<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>r</sup>. Letter accompanying that from Father Cosseyer to W<sup>r</sup>. de Claris, and y<sup>r</sup>. P<sup>r</sup> Advice concerning An impression of the Overt<sup>r</sup>. of the Society <sup>the good</sup> which the Society thank y<sup>r</sup>. P<sup>r</sup> for intend to conform to. I am now by their Order to request y<sup>r</sup>. P<sup>r</sup> would be so good as to be one of the Committee propos<sup>d</sup> to wait on His Royal

Hig<sup>h</sup>ness



Highness with an Address to the purpose of that  
herewith sent; y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup> will see by the Contents  
of Burkenburg's Letter that His Highness will <sup>be</sup> prepared  
to expect such an application, and that it may be  
done with the more respect the Society hope y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup>.

L<sup>d</sup> will <sup>not decline</sup> ~~be pleased~~ to present it in conjunction  
with S<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Dolin, S<sup>r</sup>. John Gouson, <sup>W<sup>m</sup>. Phillips member of Parliament.</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Hales,  
the Rev. J. Mays, & W<sup>m</sup>. Bedford or any 3. of them beside y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup>.  
L<sup>d</sup> who will be ready to attend at y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup>'s House  
in Pallmall <sup>any</sup> ~~and~~ Day & hour that y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup>.  
will appoint <sup>after</sup> ~~of which~~ notice given to them  
by

My Lord

y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup>'s Obedience  
most obed<sup>t</sup>.

To M<sup>r</sup>. Woolley Secy  
to the East India Com<sup>y</sup>.

Middle Temple  
16. Dec. 1726.

Sir. The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge being  
informed at their last Meeting that the Court of Directors had w<sup>th</sup>  
their accustomed Goodness granted Leave to send Freight free  
in one of the Company's Ships, the Goods designed this year for  
the protestant Mission <sup>at Tringusbar</sup>, I am order'd <sup>in their Names</sup> to  
desire the Court would accept their Thanks for that favour  
which I beg <sup>and therefore</sup> you would <sup>please to</sup> signify the same to their Hon<sup>rs</sup>.  
by which you will oblige the Society as well as,  
Sir, Yours &c.

To Mr. Chickleyberry to the  
Archbp. of Canterbury -

Sir, I had the honour some time in April last to write to  
his Grace of Canterbury, by Order of the Society for promoting  
Christian Knowledge, to request that his Grace would be pleased to  
give Directions to Mr. Tarrant, Deputy Register of the  
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, to favour the Society from time  
to time with an ~~abstract~~ Account of all Charitable Legacies  
~~so publick~~ to this Society, or in favour of the Charity Schools, or  
such like publick Charities as ~~as~~ they come to his Knowledge  
by Wills register'd in the Office; since with having humbly  
put his Grace in mind of it, to know his pleasure therein,  
he was pleas'd to tell me that you had Directions to settle  
the Matter with Mr. Tarrant, if I understood his Grace  
rightly, but having received no answer ~~in answer~~ from  
you, or Mr. Tarrant, I am further directed to desire  
you would acquaint Mr. Tarrant, that the Design of  
this Request, if granted, is not to prejudice the Office in  
their Duty, but whatever Discoveries may be communicated  
to the Society in favour of their own Body will be gratify'd  
in the same Manner as is done by other Bodies of Men in  
like Cases: And those Legacies which are left to charity  
Schools and other Religious Uses that Mr. Tarrant would only  
signify so much of them to the Society as may enable 'em  
to give Notice to the parties concerned to take out proper  
Extracts from the Office, paying for them. Or if ~~Mr. Tarrant~~  
~~would give Notice himself to the parties~~

You



You will perceive by this that the Society have no View of serving themselves or the publick to the prejudice of the <sup>prerogative</sup> Office, but to prevent the Suppression or total Oblivion of Charitable Legacies, which by this in such a manner as ~~will~~ will ensure the preservation of Trusts to the ~~prerogative~~ Office.

If you please to favour me with an answer to this with your first convenience

As no favour is asked in this Case but what it is proposed to be paid for, I submit to you whether it be proper to trouble his Grace with it, presuming that Mr. Tarrant by the Authority he is vested with can ~~and~~ comply with any proposal that is for the Interest of his Office; and your obtaining his Answer will be a particular obligation on

Sir, Yours &c.

To the Reverend  
Mr. Fox at Reading  
Rev. Sir,

Middle Temple  
27. Dec. 1726.

Last Week I received from Mr. Mary de la Croze 15. l. as a Legacy to the Priory from her late husband Dr. Anth. Maria de la Croze Min. of Old Windsor, who was a Corresponding Member.

This giving me Occasion to look over the Will as provid in the prerogative Office, I observ'd a Clause in the following Words.

"Item I give and bequeath unto the Uses of the Tuesday's Lecture at Reading the Sum of 20. pounds"

Mr. De la Croze thereupon ask'd me to whom she should pay that Legacy, and how she could be certify'd of her husband's Intention in it.

I told her the Expressions were very general, and that undoubtably there were some Uses with must be very notorious as well as the Lecture, or the Dr. would have express'd himself more plainly. That I had a Dr. at Reading, meaning yourself, who I believ'd would go as far in explaining the Doctor's Intention as any Body. She therefore desired me to write to you to have your Opinion in it, and to whom she may with Safety pay the 20. l. so as to be assur'd of its being apply'd to the Uses the Dr. intend'd it.

I shall

I shall be glad to hear your ~~own~~ <sup>work</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> answers your Expectation. All  
your Friends here are well, and join in the usual Wishes of this Season to your  
Self and Family.

Rev. Sir Your most humble servant *H. V.*

M<sup>r</sup>. Benjamin Moore is  
dangerously ill of a Fever }

To the Right Honble the  
Lord Viscount Percival,  
at Charlton

Middle Temple.  
28. Dec. 1726.

My Lord, The Society thank y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship for the  
honour you are pleas'd to do them in accepting to  
be one of the ~~Committee~~ Deputation to wait on <sup>the</sup> ~~His~~  
<sup>Prince</sup> ~~His~~ Highness, and entirely approve of the Method  
y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship recommends to apprise His Highness  
with <sup>contents of the Memorial</sup> ~~the~~ before it is presented. ~~and if~~ I have  
not the honour to be known to M<sup>r</sup>. Molyneux,  
~~but if the offer~~ <sup>but</sup> if y<sup>r</sup>. Lordship is pleas'd to recommend it  
to him, ~~he will undoubtedly~~ <sup>we will undoubtedly</sup> prepare His Highness to expect such an  
application; ~~he is undoubtedly a proper person to do it.~~

The Archbp of Cant. desires to be excus'd <sup>appearing</sup> ~~in it~~ <sup>in it</sup> ~~in it~~  
the application, because His Grace had no hand in  
recommending the Affair to the King, ~~which~~ <sup>might</sup> ~~at this juncture~~  
~~may~~ give Umbrage to some people as want of respect to  
His Majesty if he should do it in the present Case.

The Bp of ~~London~~ <sup>London</sup> desires to be excus'd because His Bp  
<sup>never</sup> goes to ~~London~~ <sup>London</sup> Court except on days of complement when  
he can't avoid it without <sup>manifest disrespect</sup> ~~apparent great indecency~~, and therefore  
he thinks it would be very unbecoming him to appear there on  
such an acct. at this ~~the first~~ time.

The Bp of Durh. ~~having been apply'd to~~ declines it because  
~~but~~ he is of another Province & that the Bps above mention'd have  
excus'd themselves. The Archbp did indeed promise that he  
~~would~~



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would speak of it to Her <sup>and</sup> Highness to prepare the Pr. to  
expect such an application. <sup>whether the Pr. is yet apprized of it</sup> ~~but I cannot be certain either from His Grace or the C.~~  
~~offences not absolutely certain~~ <sup>of His Grace's being that the Pr. is yet apprized of it.</sup> And  
therefore the Step y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>d</sup> advises to be taken, <sup>in</sup> ~~and~~  
this attended with some delay is  
very prudent, and as it carries more respect <sup>may</sup>  
have a chance to be better <sup>received</sup> ~~accepted~~.

~~Whenever the same~~ there are no other Bps in Town who  
are Members of the Society, but <sup>it apply'd to</sup> they would of course  
ask whether application had been made to the A. Bp &  
Bp of L. and <sup>in all likelihood</sup> ~~perhaps the influence~~ with give the same  
Answer: as the Bp of Dur. has done. But these objections  
can be of no weight with y<sup>r</sup>. Laddip, who has only in view to  
accomplish the design in the most respectful manner: And  
therefore whenever you are pleas'd to signify the <sup>from</sup> ~~you~~  
would be attended at y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>d</sup>'s House in Pall mall, I'll  
take care to give notice to the Gent. who are desir'd to  
accompany ~~with~~ y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>d</sup>. that they may do it.

<sup>With</sup> I wish y<sup>r</sup>. Laddip and <sup>all</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. Noble Family a succession of many  
happy Years upon the opening of the New Year & ~~and~~  
remain with all possible respect

My Lord y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>d</sup>'s

<sup>heavily</sup> I have sent a Copy of the  
Memorial as ~~finally~~ <sup>altered</sup> ~~corrected~~ <sup>approved</sup>  
by the Committee. But if y<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>d</sup> should  
have <sup>any</sup> ~~any~~ alteration made to it, ~~direct~~  
y<sup>r</sup>. commands shall be obey'd.

Memorandum 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Wrote to M<sup>r</sup>. Terry Woolley  
to desire the following Things <sup>to</sup> be added, to ~~the~~ <sup>in this month</sup> ~~the~~  
formerly granted by the Directors, viz:  
4. Coat Brushes.  
6. Clasp Knives.  
16. Teeth Brushes.  
5. Candle Screens.  
1. 6 Red Iron or Red Lead used in founding of shot.

To the Reverend  
Mr Morgan  
at Hadley ~~Hadley~~

Middle Temple  
3 January 1726/7

28 Janry 1726/7  
Memorandum  
Wrote the same  
Letter to Mr Morgan  
at Hattfield near  
Dorlow Esq

Rever. Sir

The Impression of Mr Richard's Poem  
in Welsh is still in suspense, because the printer Mr Downing  
can't find Encouragement sufficient to undertake it; and to do it  
on his own Account at the Low price he has set in the proposal,  
he thinks no Body can expect from him. Perhaps the  
next Anniversary of the Welsh Feast, may produce some Reso-  
-lution that may set it a going.

On the meantime Mr Williams having laid before y<sup>e</sup>  
Committee of our Society several more of your Translation of  
those Divine Poems, they are carefully perus'd in hopes you  
may be so good as to finish what you have so well begun,  
and I am particularly order'd you would accept the Thanks  
of the Society for the pains you have already taken in this  
Affair

Wish you an happy New Year and remain

Rev. Sir

Your most humble serv<sup>t</sup>

A. N.

5 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1726/7

To the R<sup>th</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sophia C. de Lippe  
Buckenbourg

I had the Honour of your Lady's L<sup>re</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> of last  
Month, and am order'd by the Society to thank your Lady for your  
good Offices with her Royal Highness, in Relation to which my Lord  
Porcival and some other ~~good~~ Members of the Society ~~will~~ are desir'd  
wait on ~~her Royal Highness~~ <sup>the Princess</sup> with their first Com<sup>pliments</sup>, which I  
believe will be soon after the Holydays.

The Society thankfully accept of your kind Satisfaction to y<sup>e</sup>  
Arabic Impressions, and whenever you please to pay it to the  
Rev<sup>d</sup>



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Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ligonhagen it will be carefully convey'd to the  
Carter for that Undertaking. I am order'd at the same time to  
desire your Acceptance of a Copy of the Pactor in Arabic, as  
a Specimen of the Letter with which the N. Test. is printing.  
I shall have to wish your Lady's a happy New Year and  
many of them, being with all possible Respect

Madam, Your Ladyships -

To Archer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
~~Member of Parliament~~  
in Scho Square

Middle Temple  
12<sup>th</sup> January 1726/7.

Hono<sup>r</sup> Sir,

The Tame of ~~your~~ Charity and Disposition to encourage  
all good Designs, has induc'd the Society for promoting Christian  
Knowledge, at their last Meeting, unanimously to chose you a  
Member of their Body; and I am ~~again~~ order'd to acquaint  
you with the Chais they have made, in hopes you may do them  
the Honour to accept it.

The little Historical Account herewith sent, will apprise you  
of the Nature of their Designs, and if you print it, I will wait  
upon you sometime, this Day or to morrow, to acquaint you with  
the Rules of the Society, being with great Respect,

Sir, Yr<sup>o</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup>!

Henry Newman.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Morda  
~~Min<sup>r</sup> of Widdington~~  
B<sup>r</sup> Stafford Hertfordshire.

Middle Temple  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1726/7

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

The Society for promoting Asian Knowledge  
being inform'd that there are a considerable Number of Copies of the  
N. Test. in Modern Greek, an Impression formerly made in  
London by some of their Members, to wit the Patriarch of  
Constantinople has made some objections, and for that  
Reason

Reason prohibiting their being distributed among the Flashed  
Greece, and that they ~~may~~ <sup>now</sup> remain undisposed of, in the  
Turkey Company's Warehouse at Constantinople and Smyrna &c.  
I am ordered to desire your advice what Number of them may be left,  
and ~~where~~ whether these Objections may not ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> removed by sending  
for them to England, and reprinting the parts ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> have given  
Offence, or leaving out the preface, with the observations, it is one of  
the principal Objections to it, as it arraigns the Greek Congress for  
their ~~own~~ Ignorance &c by one M<sup>r</sup>. Leaphim, an imprudent  
Greek, who had the Care of the Impression.

I should also signify what Month or others may be properly apply'd to her for an Order to return them to England, if that be thought advisable.

Your having lived some time in those parts; has given  
Occasion to this application, with you will be so good as to excuse  
the trouble of, and believe that I am, the unknown,

Yours most humble son

Your Directions to me will come }  
safe at the Mrs D Temple.

To His Grace of Canterbury,  
at Lambeth.

2 Mid. Temple  
18. Janry. 1726.

My Lord,

My Lord,  
The Rule <sup>of</sup> the <sup>poor,</sup> Commrs for relieving <sup>Street</sup> Traders  
requiring "that their Secy attend <sup>your</sup> Grace the <sup>Street</sup> D. A. H. p. of Court  
and other Lords that signed the Commission by with they act, as  
often are require<sup>d</sup>, with the Books of the Society in order to  
acquaint with their proceedings in the Trust committed to them,"  
I am humbly to acquaint your Grace, that it is now near 10 years  
since their Commission was dated, and neither your Grace nor any  
of the other Lords have required to be so attended; but if your Grace  
will be pleased to permit, Mr. Moore who acts as Secretary to  
wait



wait upon you, with the Books of the Society, and particularly those which relate to their Accounts of Rec<sup>d</sup> and Paym<sup>t</sup>, it will be a Satisfaction to the Comm<sup>rs</sup>. at least to have your Grace's Approbation of the Method that they are in, ~~and that their Accounts are~~ for passing these Accounts.

~~Then~~ I had the Honour of Grace's Letter with one enclosed for the Missionaries at Tranquebar, which will be forwarded by the Walpole Captain Roldam Commander.

I am

My Lord,

Your Grace's

most Obed<sup>t</sup>

humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm. Jessop

20. Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1726

H. N.

To the Countess of  
Buckenburgh

Madam

M<sup>r</sup>. Ziegenhagen having ~~reported~~

— and paid to the D<sup>r</sup>. Mayo y<sup>t</sup>. Ladiship's Bene-  
faction of four Guineas for the Impression of  
the N. Test. in Arab. and the same having  
been reported to the Society for Promoting ~~Christian~~  
Knowledge I am order'd in their names to  
desire their Thanks may be accepted for y<sup>t</sup>.  
Ladiship's great favour to that Undertaking, ~~and~~  
~~I beg leave~~ <sup>by leave</sup> at the same time to assure y<sup>t</sup>.  
Ladiship that I am with <sup>all</sup> possible respect

Madam y<sup>t</sup>. Ladiship's

most obed<sup>t</sup> humb<sup>l</sup>

serv<sup>t</sup>

To the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Ziegenhagen

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

Wm. Jessop 20. Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1726

I thank you for giving y<sup>t</sup>. comp<sup>a</sup> last Tuesday, and  
hope the affair under debate may come to a good Issue if  
you will be so good as to undertake what was propos'd to  
be desir'd of Prof. Frank, by which means a Year  
will be saved in time for transmitting what advice may  
be of

be of use to the Missionaries, and the whole will be done with that privacy which Discretion seems to require in this Case, by avoiding any Appearance of the Society or Professor Franks being privy to the suggestions offered, the Apprehension of which might prove a great Discouragement to the Missionaries.

I have herewith sent a Rough of such an Extract, omitting the harsh Expressions, which if you approve of, shall be fairly transcribed and put into your hands, for any Use, you may think fit to make of it.

I am sorry that the Warmth and Length of the Debate prevented any ~~Resolution~~ <sup>Resolution</sup> for buying and sending the Books recommended by the Ship now going, and also for desiring some judicious Learned Person that is not unacquainted with the Humour of the Heathen, to draw up such Dialogues between a Heian and a Heathen as are proposed: This has been long wanted in the West as well as the East Indies, and if the Gent. who makes the proposal were desirous to do it, as he has been long conversant with the Heathen, he would suggest many Things that would escape another Person though never so Learned and capable of it in other Respects: And whatever of this Nature should be proposed, it will be submitted to Correction before it is published, that all possible Improvement might be made to it; but such a Motion must not appear to come from me, which is therefore submitted to your Consideration.

The Memorial for Leave to send Freight free, 500. L. more or less in Foreign Silver, by one of y<sup>r</sup>. Ships now going to India, has been laid before the Court of Directors, and they have readily granted it, but then I am told by the Officers that the Silver must be brought to the India House, some Day before the End of next Week, to be sure of being shipped with the Company's Treasure.

Mr. Jennings has again assured me that whatever you can't send to the Missionaries this way, he will furnish Bills for, or a Letter of Credit that will effectually supply the Missionaries with what Amount of Pagodas you or they shall desire. I am

I have sent the Thanks of the Society to the Rev. Sir, Your most humble  
Countess of Duckenborough for the Benefaction  
you paid from her Ladyship: Servant.



To the Reverend,  
Mr. Liegenhager.

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Middle Temple  
25. Jan. 1726

Rever. Sir,

I thank you for the honour of your Letter of this Morning, and since you approve of the Extract, a Copy of it shall be made to be ready for any use you please to make of it. Mr. St—n would I believe be sorry that the whole Letter should be sent over with some harsh unguarded Expressions, which he would have omitted if he had been aware that it would be sent as it is; and besides if the Extract will answer the End of letting the Missionaries know what is objected to their Conduct, it will be a Satisfaction to all parties to omit what might give Offence.

I hope you will be so good as to give your Company next Tuesday, and if you please to offer your Service to transmit to the Missionaries all the Objections made to their Conduct, with your own Reflections, I am satisfy'd every one will think it <sup>safely left to your prudence and that it</sup> should ~~be~~ not appear to come by any Direction from the Society, or from Mr. St—n, lest it draw the Missionaries into a long Defence of their Conduct, which will give a vast Trouble and Unnecessary to the Society, especially when they think it out of their Province to concern themselves in Admonitions of this Nature, that will come better from Professor Frank or the Coll. of Copenhagen.

But then again, that is such a proceeding as will make the Failings, if I may so call them, more publick than is prudent they ought to be, since many of them are only supposed or suspected, by Mr. St—n himself.

I am  
Rev. Sir, Your most obed. Servant

To the Reverend,  
Mr. Liegenhager  
at St. James's Place

Middle Temple  
27. Jan. 1726

Rev. Sir,

I herewith send a Copy of the Ex<sup>t</sup>. of Mr. St—n's Letter to be used as you think fit, but if you require the whole or that you think would be more useful, I must obey your Orders, only in Respect to the Author who is so good a Friend to the Mission, I think his Name should not be used, and 2. or 3. harsh Expressions might be omitted without any prejudice to the Advice he recommends to be given to the Missionaries.

I am, Rev. Sir, Your most obed. Servant

To the Reverend  
Mr. Stevenson  
at Colvale.

Middle Temple  
28<sup>th</sup> Janry. 1726

Rev. Sir,

I received your kind Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of Decemb. full of  
Judicious Remarks on the Conduct of the Missionaries, and since that  
by the Carrier I have received the Journals with your particular  
Remarks on them, all which have been laid before the ~~Commis~~  
sion; and they are very sensible of the great Pains you have taken  
to communicate your Advice, and thank you for them, though they  
have <sup>not</sup> been able yet to come to any Resolution what use to make  
of them.

But that the Missionaries may not lose the Benefit of your  
kind Advice, by the next Ships, which are to sail in few Days, Mr.  
Ligonhagen, Minist. of his Majesty's German Chappel, has desired  
me to give him an Extract of your Letter omitting your Name and  
such Expressions as may seem harsh to an unaccustomed Reader, though for  
his part, he considers the whole with so much Candour that he wishes he  
might have a Copy of the Letter entire to send to the Missionaries,  
only he thinks your Remarks extend further than the Journal gave  
Occasion for your reflecting on viz. in the 7<sup>th</sup> Observation where you  
say it is pity they don't leave their bulky Systems in the University &  
instead of explaining and enforcing the unquestionable Truths and  
Duties of the Gospel. He would be glad to know what ground you have  
for such a Complaint; and whether you at any time observed any such  
Thing in the Ministry of the Missionaries?

And in the 8<sup>th</sup> Observation, you complain "that the Boys that are fit only  
to be menial Servants, Weavers or Quilt-Makers, must understand their  
4<sup>th</sup> Catechism as well as the Missionaries, and be openly rebuked & pro-  
-nounced, and perhaps whipt for not mastering a Theological folio." Which  
Complaint he allows to be very Important and hard, but does not find any

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Foundation for them in the Journal; to which I answer'd, that you must be allow'd to carry your Remarks beyond what the Journal gave you Occasion for, from your own Observations while you was in the Country, of the Conduct of the Missionaries, and the Humour of the Natives. —

M<sup>r</sup>. Ligonhagen is so fully convinced of your Affection and Zeal for the Mission, by the many Proofs you have given of it, that he has no Room to think you have made any Reflection out of prejudice to the present Missionaries or their Undertaking, but rather that you have some Foundation for your Remarks that he does not know of, concerning which he would be glad to be inform'd, that he may write to the Missionaries thereon, in the strongest Terms by the Ships now going, if more can be said than you have already said.

You are so much a Master of the subject, that it would be very kind in you, if you would compose some such Dialogues between a Christian and a Heathen as you propose to be done, as a Model to the Missionaries both in the East and West Indies. Your Knowledge of the Humour of the Heathen enables you to go further therein to good purpose, than any <sup>perhaps</sup> Man in the Kingdom; let me request of you therefore not to slight this humble Motion, from —

My humble service to your Lady and Children } Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir, Your most Obed. pr  
P. S. } H. N.

Your Reasoning for laying a good Foundation in the Knowledge of Natural Religion, in Order to demonstrate the Reasonableness and Excellency of the Improvement Christianity has made on that Foundation, is certainly very just, and very much approv'd of by M<sup>r</sup>. Ligon and other Rev<sup>d</sup> Members of the Society.

I have got Dr. Theop<sup>h</sup>'s Essay on Health and Long Life, in Latin, and thank you for recommending it to be sent to the Missionaries who I hope will make good use of it.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Supplement to the Journal of the Missionaries it seems was not deliver'd to the Worcester Waggon Carr. till last Saturday the 21. Curr, tho' I long since gave it to the Society's Messenger to forward, which he says was occasion'd by the slow Return of the Waggon during the absence of your, It was recommended to the Care of M<sup>r</sup>. Taylor of St. Mary's.

To the Reverend  
Doct. Mayo  
at S. Thomas  
Rever. Sir,

Middle Temple  
1. Feby. 1726/7.

I could not possibly write to you Yesterday by your  
Servant, but Mr. Tillard, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Phillips, being of the  
Committee, agreed to meet you next Tuesday at the Leg Tavern in the Strand  
after breaking up of the Committee at S. Dunstons, and I have accordingly  
given Notice to Mr. Witham, as I shall do also to all the other Gent.  
who are desired to attend the Audit

Mr. Sadiemi attended at S. Dunstons Coffee-house, but as no  
Contract <sup>had</sup> been made with him for the Charge of Correcting the New Testament  
by the Sheet, in regard to the additional Trouble he has had from the Use of  
the Orthographical Marks, the Committee have referred it to be considered of  
next Thursday at S. Pauls.

Mr. Bedford and Mr. Tals are of Opinion that he will deserve 3. half  
Crowns for the Sheet now, as much as he did 5. for the Factor, but this is to be, but  
this is to be further considered next Thursday; and whatever the Order is I  
shall comply with, and get his Receipt as you desire.

The Committee have adjourned themselves to 9. a Clock next Monday  
Morn. to procure some Materials for a Martyrological History collected by  
Mr. Dean Harris, when they will be glad, if <sup>it</sup> may be with your Commissions,  
to favour 'em with your Company, though it should be only for an hour or  
two.

I have herewith sent the Copies of your Accounts, only I could not enter  
the 2. last Articles on the Debit Side of the Arabick Account till you had  
explained them, for I make 350. Arsam at 12/9 of 1/2 lb. to come to 223. 2. 6  
and the Arsam of Dutch Medicines - - - - - 2. - - -  
225. 2. 6.

But if the Quantity be 450. Arsam then it will come to the sum you have  
charged it viz 228. 17. 6. And if you please to add a Word or two to the  
last Article to express the Service it was for, they shall be entered as you  
direct.

I have taken the Liberty to explain some Articles, where I knew your  
Meaning, and to enter the Particulars of some Pensurances which you had  
entered in the Lump, which I doubt not but you will approve of, because  
that



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that the Donors themselves, if they should ever desire to <sup>inspect</sup> the  
Society's Accounts, may find that Justice has been done them.

I have also sent my Bills of Charge, for which I shall bring my  
Vouchers to the Audit, but I have not charged any thing in them for yr  
Assistance of a Clerk till I could know the pleasure of the Auditor,  
how to Proportion the Charge to the respective Branches of the Design  
of the Society, nor do I think it will become me to revive such an Article  
without their approbation, after having on my own Accord discontinued  
for some Years in Regard to the great Favour, I have revived from yr  
Society; And I should still have discontinued it, if my little Agency  
in America had answered my Expectation, with I accepted with a  
View of assisting the Society and my Self entirely in that Article instead  
of which it has not yielded me above 10. £. in one year with another,  
with but little more than paid my Coach hire, so that I am now ~~not~~  
thinking to Repay it to the Govt. who made me a Complement of it,  
the pleasure of serving my friends, being the best Reward that has  
hitherto attended it.

I am Rev. Sir,

Your most Obedt. &c  
H. Newman.

To the Rev.  
Mr. Saml. Adams  
at Allscott Oxfordsh.

Middle Temple

4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1726/7.

Rev. Sir,

N.B. Packet Vd. 1. 13. 6  
Porter 3 1. 13. 9.

According to your Desire the 11<sup>th</sup> of the Month the Books above mentioned were put  
the 2. Curr. by Carls and Comp<sup>rs</sup> carriage paid Nov 18.

I thank you for your account of Mr. Carter's Legacies to several Charity Schools which were very acceptable  
to the Society, and they hope his good Intentions are rewarded by a suitable Deal in the several parishes to whom  
they are left.

I shall take the Opportunity to consult the Treasurer and Secretary of the Quaker Society about the  
best Method of securing to you 100. £. out of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pension of the Gov<sup>rs</sup> of the Quaker Society about the  
unappropriated. I believe they will advise it should be done by a petition to the Governor, who  
meeting first Monday in each Month; but then in your Petition the Case must be stated of the living  
its value, and Circumstances, as over-run with Quakers &c. I shall be glad to give any assistance  
in promoting your Charitable Intentions herein, that is in the power of,

Rev. Sir, Your most humble serv<sup>t</sup>

P.S.

Before sealing I have consulted the Treasurer upon what I have  
wrote above, and he says the Governor will not make any promise  
conditionally for what is not yet in their power, but that he will give us Notice of any Pension  
unappropriated in with there may be any Room to serve you; and the meantime you will do  
well to prepare the Exp. of yr. Design, where the living is, to favour any Application of this  
kind, when it shall come before the Governor, presuming that his Lordship may be then  
present, or that he will be so, if he has due Notice of your Application.

H. Newman

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